

TAXI USERS' SUBSIDY SCHEME

967. Hon SUE ELLERY to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

This question without notice of which some notice has been given was originally to the Minister for Disability Services. I am told that it was redirected to the minister representing the Minister for Transport. The first part of the question is: is the minister aware of complaints? I was advised that the Minister for Disability Services was aware; I do not know whether the Minister for Transport was aware.

- (1) Is the minister aware of complaints about the use of the taxi users' subsidy scheme from those people in wheelchairs who can access an ordinary taxi cab but who are being denied the 75 per cent discount, up to the value of \$25, and instead being afforded only the 50 per cent discount?
- (2) Is the minister aware that this forces more people in wheelchairs, who do not specifically need them, to request multipurpose taxis, adding to the demand and delays for multipurpose taxis?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the Minister for Transport, the Department of Transport advises the following —

- (1) Two complaints regarding this issue were received last week.
- (2) The claims are being investigated.