

# MINUTES

## Taxi Industry Board (TIB) Meeting

Wednesday 13 April 2011  
20 Brown Street, East Perth  
8.00am

Attendees: Barry MacKinnon – Chairman  
Professor Greg Martin – Deputy Chairman.  
Dr Martin West – Member  
Stephen Scott – Member  
Debbie Karasinski – Member  
Bruce Morgan – Member  
Tony Carter – Member  
Kate Wang – Office of the Minister for Transport (Guest)  
Peter Ryan – GM, PSBU  
Rick Roberts - PSBU

Apologies: Nil

- | <b>Agenda Item</b> | <b>Issue / Discussion</b>   |
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| 1.                 | <p><b>Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting (9 March 2011) and declarations of interest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes were accepted.</li><li>• The Chairman declared that he met with the Ministers representative in March and together with Dr West, met with the Director General of Transport to discuss the Regulatory Review.</li><li>• Ms Karasinski advised that she had met with Messrs Kevin Wigg, Kevin Foley and Bruce Davies separately to discuss issues relating to Multi-Purpose Taxis.</li></ul>   |
| 2.                 | <p><b>Actions from Previous meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Chairman listed the actions from the previous meeting and outstanding actions were as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Cost of regulation – pending</li><li>○ Schedule of planned plate release program – pending</li><li>○ Mr Carter requested that actions and status be listed in the agenda</li></ul></li></ul>  |
| 3.                 | <p><b>Minister's Taxi Driver Forum – 8 February 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The TIB noted that this item was now on the Department's website .</li></ul>   |
| 4.                 | <p><b>Regulatory Review Subcommittee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The TIB members noted that the Regulatory Review memo to the Minister had been dispatched and that the Director General of Transport was aware of the direction of the review.</li><li>• Dr West indicated that a report had been prepared by a consultant on the implementation options for any decision by the Minister on the Regulatory Review.</li><li>• Mr Ryan also advised that he would meet with the Victorian Taxi Directorate in May 2011 given that the Victorian Government is initiating a review of its taxi industry.</li><li>• The Chairman requested that a letter be drafted to Alan Fels advising that the TIB has conducted a regulatory review of the Perth taxi industry.</li><li>• The members discussed the need for a risk analysis on the Regulatory review so that the Chairman can outline the pros and cons of the recommendations when meeting face to face with the Minister.</li></ul> |

5. **TIB Reference Group (TIBRG)**

- The Chairman of the Reference Group, Professor Martin, advised that the TIBRG met on 4 April 2011.
- Prof. Martin indicated that he had advised the TIBRG frequency of meetings would be reviewed pending discussion with the TIB. After some discussion the members agreed that the TIB should revisit this item at its May meeting.
- Prof Martin also advised that:
  - Mr Scott had addressed the TIBRG on the Competency Review;
  - the accuracy of the quarterly reports was questioned by TIBRG members again;
  - An update on CHOGM was provided by Mr Roberts;
  - The Minister's driver forum was acknowledged; and
  - A number of TIBRG members claimed that they had not been spoken to regarding the MPT subcommittee's activities.

6 **Multi-Purpose Taxi (MPT) Subcommittee.**

- Ms Karasinski presented a paper on MPTs outlining the problems, issues, and options for improvement/change.
- After some discussion, other TIB members suggested alternatives to the paper and requested that this subcommittee ensures its recommendations are consistent with those of the Regulatory Review.
- The TIB also agreed that the target population (people with disabilities requiring a wheelchair/scooter) need to be identified as well as a cost benefit analysis.

7. **Competency Review Subcommittee**

- Mr Scott confirmed that the Minister had approved the Terms of Reference for this subcommittee and advised that he had addressed the TIBRG at its 4 April meeting.
- The inaugural meeting of the subcommittee would be on 19 April at midday and the subcommittee would comprise of Mr Carter, Prof. Martin and himself.
- At this meeting the composition, scope, industry/consumer engagement, protocols, alignment with government, resources, timelines and reporting would be discussed.
- Dr West indicated that there was merit in looking at other jurisdictions.

8. **TIDA Subcommittee**

- No items for this subcommittee.

9. **Correspondence**

**Out:**

- The TIB noted these documents

**In:**

- Mr Morgan queried the response from Swan Taxis on rank fees and after some discussion, the Chairman acknowledged the concerns and noted them.
- The other two items were noted.
- Ms Karasinski referred to the complaint received regarding poor MPT service by an Albany resident and the Chairman requested that this complaint be circulated to the TIB members.

**Ministerial Issues**

10.

- The TIB noted the items with the Minister.
- The Chairman confirmed the Regulatory Review recommendations were with the Minister for consideration and requested Ms Wang to assist in the progress of this matter.
- The Chairman expressed his support for remuneration to be provided to the TIBRG members and queried whether this had been flagged with the Minister.
- The attendance of Mr Ken Travers, Opposition spokesman for Transport, at a TIB meeting was discussed and it was agreed that an invitation be extended to him.

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**Items to Note**

- Mr Morgan expressed his disappointment at not receiving a reply to his correspondence with PSBU in January, relating to the MTFM

- Mr Ryan advised that the next quarterly report (Q1 2011) should be available at the next TIB meeting.

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**Next Meeting**

- Next monthly meeting is on 11 May 2011.
- Mr Carter and Professor Martin advised that they would be apologies for the May meeting.