

# MINUTES

## Taxi Industry Board (TIB) Meeting

Wednesday 14 April 2010

Passenger Services Business Unit (PSBU),  
Conference Room, 20 Brown St, East Perth

**8.00am**

Attendees: Barry MacKinnon – Chairman  
Professor Greg Martin – Deputy Chairman  
Tony Carter – Member  
Stephen Scott – Member  
Dr Martin West – Member  
Debbie Karasinski – Member;  
Bruce Morgan – Member  
Nichol Kabugua, Policy Advisor, Office of Minister for Transport  
Peter Ryan – A/Executive Director, Operations  
Jessica van den Berg – A/Senior Policy and Projects Officer

Apologies: Natalia Kostecki – A/General Manager PSBU

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Issue / Discussion</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1.	<p><b>Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting and declaration of interest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes of previous meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were accepted, with amendments:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Confirmed booking Service</i> – TIB <b>resolved</b> that TIB should not make recommendations to the Minister on any omnibus industry initiatives.</li><li>Point 9 <i>Driver/Passenger Security</i> – Mr Carter is to provide a paper on passenger and driver security.</li></ul></li><li>The Chairman met with Kevin Foley (Swan Taxis), Kevin Wigg (Black and White Taxis), and also with the Minister on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010. CHOGM and taxi colouring was discussed at all three meetings.</li></ul>	<p>PSBU to amend previous Minutes.</p> <p>Mr Carter is to provide a paper on passenger and driver security.</p>
2.	<p><b>Regulatory Review – Study Trip</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The proposed trip was discussed by the Chairman in his meeting with the Minister on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010.</li></ul>	<p>The terms of reference of the Reg. Review is being finalised by the sub-com. And will be provided to the TIB at it's next meeting..</p>
3.	<p><b>Confirmed Booking Services (CBS) Sub-Committee</b></p>	

- After some discussion, the Chairman suggested that if the Minister was to consider changing omnibus policy then he could refer to the TIB any proposals. TIB to receive these views on the impacts on the taxi industry.
4. **Additional peak and outer area plates**
- Mr Ryan advised that it would take 3 to 4 weeks to assess all of the 1,000 applications received for the 56 advertised plates, and that the outer suburban plates recommendations are being considered by the Minister.
  - The Chairman referred to release of plates based on statistics. He highlighted the need to release the plates progressively, rather than all together.
5. **TIBRG Industry Report**
- Ms Karasinski felt that the TIBRG had indicated a very positive approach to discussions around CHOGM and the forthcoming sailing championships which were coming to Perth for two weeks and one week respectively. The range of issues around these events are considerable and need to be addressed by a committee equipped to deal with all aspects – ie. Transport and the taxi industry, security, PTA, City of Perth, policing etc.
  - The next meeting of the TIBRG will be scheduled in May 2010.
6. **Metropolitan Taxi Fare Model (MTFM)**
- Discussion centred around the PriceWaterhouse Coopers (PWC) report.
  - PSBU is also to check the calculations within the fare model to confirm they were correct.
7. **Issue paper – ERA responsibility for taxi fares**
- Mr Ryan advised that contact had been made with ERA, who advised that a formal process was adhered to and they only undertook work once they had received a written instruction from the Treasurer. TIB noted this advice.
8. **Quarterly performance report**
- TIB was advised that the next scheduled Quarterly Performance Report is expected to be delayed due to the significant additional processing required to analyse the data from Swan Taxis' new dispatch system. The TIB was further advised that the PSBU was inspecting the new system shortly. Chairman MacKinnon has requested that the TIB members be invited to this inspection.
9. **MPT viability**
- Ms Karasinski advised that the TIB should move towards aiming for universal access for the taxi system. It was
- PSBU to liaise with Jeff Hay addressing these events.
- PSBU to go back to PWC with Sub-Committee questions re percentages to ascertain if they required reassessing.
- PSBU to seek reports from other States for comparison.
- PSBU to arrange a TIB inspection of Swan Taxis' new dispatch system.
- Ms Karasinski to propose a terms of

pointed out that buses have progressively gone down this path and with an ever increasing ageing population, accessibility needs careful consideration.

reference for a review of the MPT services and MPT vision with possibility of an independent provision for these services. This is to be done in conjunction with PSBU.

10. **Driver / Passenger Security**

- No further updates were required for this meeting.

11. **Project List update**

- No further updates were required for this meeting.

12. **TIB Website**

TIB was advised that the Project/Priority list outline had been added to the TIB Website. The Chairman requested that outlines for all TIB meeting Minutes also be made available on the TIB Website.

PSBU to add outline Minutes to the Website.

13. **Other Items**

- **TIB Member remuneration:** PSBU is to provide an update of information to the Chairman and other Board Members.
- **Shift Lease Payments:** A number of management companies had been approached to provide details on what shift lease rates were being charged. Mr Ryan advised that prosecution action had been taken against some companies, following a range of complaints from drivers who were being overcharged on their shift lease rates.
- The Chairman raised the point – given that lease plate owners are regulated in WA, why are they not regulated in other States. PSBU is to provide a paper detailing the situation with lease plates in other States. The paper should look at monthly rates and take the lease rate into account.
- Mr Morgan suggested that it would be a good idea to conduct an annual review of the TIB and its achievements and contributions.
- Discussion around a letter from the TCWA proposing that all Perth taxis be 'yellow' and funded via a hiring fee.

PSBU to provide a remuneration update.

PSBU to provide a paper comparing regulation in other States

Review meeting is to be arranged

PSBU to talk to TCWA and Swan Taxis and provide TIB with a discussion paper for 'yellow' taxis

14. **Next TIB meeting**

- This has been scheduled for 8am, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the Conference Room, at 20 Brown Street, East Perth