

MINUTES

Taxi Industry Board (TIB) Meeting

Tuesday 17 August 2010

Passenger Services Business Unit (PSBU),

Department of Transport (DoT)

Conference Room, 20 Brown St, East Perth

8.00am

Attendees: Simon O'Brien MLC – Hon. Minister for Transport; Disability Services
Reece Waldock – Director General of Transport
Barry MacKinnon – Chairman
Tony Carter – Member
Dr Martin West – Member
Debbie Karasinski – Member;
Bruce Morgan – Member
Stephen Scott – Member
Nichol Kabugua, Policy Advisor, Office of Minister for Transport
Peter Ryan – GM, PSBU
Rick Roberts, PSBU

Apologies: Professor Greg Martin – Deputy Chairman

Agenda Item	Issue / Discussion
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| 1. | <p>Simon O'Brien MLC – Hon. Minister for Transport (MfT); Disability Services; Reece Waldock – Director General (DG) of Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The DG indicated that he endorsed the work of the TIB and wished to engage with them to a greater extent in the future.• The DG excused himself from the meeting just prior to the MfT arriving.• The MfT arrived shortly thereafter and indicated his satisfaction with the work of the TIB. He also advised that he met regularly with the Chairman and supports the strategies taken relative to the subcommittees that are dealing with the Regulatory Review, the revision of the Fare Model, MPT's and the Guaranteed Transport Service (GTS).• The MfT reiterated his general support for recommendations from the TIB but that on occasions, other factors needed to be considered before acceptance of those recommendations. In particular, he advised that there were sensitivities regarding any future plate releases and there was some discussion on this matter. The MfT requested a briefing on the history/rationale of the relevant percentage.• The MfT thanked the attendees and left the meeting. |
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Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting and declarations of interest

- The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2010 were accepted. Abridged version was provided for posting on the TIB website.
- The Chairman indicated that he had met with the Mft on 28 July and had discussed the TIB Reference Group, the subcommittees for the Fares Model, MPTs GTS and the Regulatory Review.
- He advised that he had also met with Peter Abetz MLA, member for Southern River along with a number of his constituent taxi drivers where a number of taxi issues were raised and discussed.

3.

TIBRG

- Mr Carter outlined the paper he prepared on Security for Passengers and Drivers that he had circulated and invited comment on at the last TIBRG meeting on 27 July. He reported that there had been enthusiastic discussion on this matter at the meeting where feedback had been sought.
- After some general discussion the TIB agreed that the feedback was welcome but that the industry should be encouraged to take more responsibility for their destiny on issues such as this.
- Ms Karasinski referred to the TIBRG minutes and indicated that the July meeting was the best so far in terms of the engagement and participation of the members.
- Mr Roberts advised that the CV from Ms Macleod for membership consideration of the TIBRG by the MfT was not yet forthcoming. He also advised that the Tourism alternate representative was not nominated as yet.
- The Chairman requested that this membership issue be pursued further by DoT.

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Metropolitan Taxi Fare Model (MTFM)

- The MTFM subcommittee reported that the revised model was finalised and that it was ready for presentation to the TIBRG for comment.
- Following the recommendation to the Minister the Chairman indicated that he would write to TIFWA and TCWA regarding the revised MTFM.
- The matter of an earnings model was flagged for future discussion by the TIB.

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MPT Subcommittee

- Ms Karasinski relayed the developments out of the inaugural meeting of this subcommittee on 30 July. The TIB was advised that the subcommittee currently consisted of, other than the TIB members, a DSC and a LotteryWest representative. It was also advised that a further member would be sought from the Office Of Senior's Interests.
- Ms Karasinski indicated that the agency participants, including DoT, would present papers on their transport policies relative to MPTs and transport of the disabled in general. These papers should be circulated prior to the next meeting of this subcommittee on 21 September.

6. **GTS Subcommittee**
 - The TIB acknowledged that the MfT had referred this matter back to DoT to pursue options for other sectors of the passenger transport industry to provide a GTS.

7. **Regulatory Review Subcommittee**
 - The subcommittee members (apology by Dr West) reported that a consultant had been appointed, the Literature review had commenced, as per the minutes of the meeting from 4 August, and that the appropriate cities to visit had been narrowed down to 8 with additional research to be provided on a German city.
 - The TIB was advised that the intention was still to narrow the list to 6 cities following further advice from the consultant.
 - After some general discussion, it was also agreed that the consultant should look at previous reviews on the taxi industry in Perth.

8. **Correspondence**
 - The TIB acknowledged the letter at 8b and the Chairman requested a response be drafted.

9. **Ministerial Issues**
 - The TIB acknowledged and noted the items listed

10. **Quarterly Performance Reports**
 - The TIB was advised that the quarterly report had been delayed due to technical problems with the source data.
 - The Chairman requested that the next meeting, along with the Q2 2110 report, that an update on the Peak Period trial be provided and the relevant percentage advice provide to the MfT.

11. **Random Taxi Inspections**
 - The TIB noted the Issue Paper provided and acknowledged the good work done by the PSBU compliance team.
 - Ms Karasinski and Mr Morgan flagged their intention to attend the next compliance exercise.

12. **Items to Note**
 - The TIB was advised that Mr Kevin Foley would be invited to the next TIB meeting to provide his requested address on 'Driver Shortages'.
 - Mr Ryan explained the offer to purchase Swan Taxis by Comfort DelGro. The TIB was advised that an advice on this matter was being prepared for the MfT.

13. **Next Meeting**
 - Next meeting of TIB to be Wednesday, 8 September at 8am