

# MINUTES (Abridged)

## Taxi Industry Board (TIB) Meeting

Wednesday 9 June 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  
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  
Rick Roberts, PSBU

Apologies: Stephen Scott – Member

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Issue / Discussion</b>
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| 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 12 May 2010 were accepted</li><li>• The Chairman advised that he had met with the Minister, WATA representatives and John Golawski since the last meeting. Also advised that he had emailed a response to Mr Satindra Samra regarding the 6000 series lease plates.</li><li>• Ms Karasinski advised that she had met with Bruce Davies (TIBRG member) to discuss MPT issues.</li><li>• Dr West requested that agenda items be labelled appropriately in future.</li></ul> |
| 2. | <p><b>TIBRG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Mr Roberts advised that the Transport Committee for the World Sailing Championships had been contacted and had undertaken to contact taxis (TCWA) during their planning.</li><li>b) Chairman requested that a letter to Jeff Hay at Dep't of Premier and Cabinet be sent reiterating the need for the taxi industry to be consulted and that contacts should be at the agency level.</li><li>c) Prof. Martin advised members that the yellow taxi proposal is with the TIBRG for comment at its next meeting.</li></ul>   |
| 3. | <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) TCWA letter – Increasing Taxi Services: The TIB resolved to refer this item to the MPT subcommittee.</li></ul>   |

- b) TCWA letter – Driver Supply (TIB Response): TIB resolved to await a response to its letter from the TCWA.

4. **Cameras**

- a) Mr Ryan updated TIB on the progress of the camera issue and that the letter and Briefing note will be with the Minister within a week. TIB resolved that appropriate cameras are essential regardless of the funding source and that it is up to the regulator to set the standard.
- b) Discussion ensued on the role of WAPol in the camera downloading and its intra-agency networking. Concern was also expressed regarding the prospect of current industry initiatives being superseded by any new standard imposed.

5. **Taxi Fares**

- a) TIB discussed the outcomes of the meeting with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as reported by Mr Morgan. TIB would support an amended model to be finalised by the end of June. In view of this, Fares subcommittee to meet with PwC again on 15 June and the TIB to meet on 23 June with fares as the only agenda item.
- b) After some discussion, TIB resolved to allow the regulatory review to run its course before making recommendations on the future of maximum shift and plate lease rates.

6. **MPT Subcommittee – Draft Terms of Reference (TOR)**

- Ms Karasinski referred to the document provided and general discussion around universality of access versus practicality ensued.
- TIB resolved that performance standards should be consistent regardless of the ability/disability of customers.
- Agreed that a subcommittee now be formed comprising Ms Karasinski, the Chairman and possibly a third party (consultant). Terms of reference would be presented to the next meeting.

7. **CBS Subcommittee**

- TIB noted the minutes of this subcommittee meeting from 8 June.

8. **Regulatory Review Subcommittee**

- Dr West advised that the TIBRG was given till 18 June to respond to the TOR's of the Regulatory Review.

9. **Driver Passenger Security**

- Mr Carter advised that he would be meeting with Messrs Foley and Wigg on this issue and that he would attend the next TIBRG meeting and would prepare a paper for distribution prior to that meeting.

10. **Q1 - Quarterly Performance Report**

- After some general discussion and qualification of the results of this report, given the change in software at Swan Taxis, the TIB queried some of the figures and discussed the likely impact of the impending releases of plates on the performance figures.

11. **Items to Note**

- a) Chairman provided amended TIB Strategic Plan.
- b) J Golawski paper – referred to Reg. Review subcommittee

- c) B Davies paper on CBS - referred to CBS subcommittee
- d) TIFWA advice - referred to Reg. Review subcommittee
- e) Letter of complaint noted re driving skills – TIB response to be drafted.
- f) TIB noted DG Transport to attend July meeting. Resolved to change July meeting to Thursday 15 July, due to unavailability of some members on 14 July.
- g) TIB changed August meeting to Tuesday 17 due to unavailability of members involved in the interstate trip the week commencing 9 August.

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**Next TIB monthly meeting**

- Next Meeting: See 11 (f)
- Meeting completed at 10.15am