

# MINUTES

## Taxi Industry Board (TIB) Meeting

Wednesday 9 March 2011  
20 Brown Street, East Perth  
**8.00am**

Attendees: Barry MacKinnon – Chairman  
Dr Martin West – Member  
Stephen Scott – Member  
Debbie Karasinski – Member  
Bruce Morgan – Member  
Tony Carter – Member  
Peter Ryan – GM, PSBU  
Rick Roberts - PSBU

Apologies: Professor Greg Martin – Deputy Chairman.

### Agenda Item

### Issue / Discussion

1. **Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting (9 February 2011) and declarations of interest**
  - Minutes were accepted but concern was expressed at the response provided by Swan Taxis to the TIB's query on rank fee increases. Agreed for PSBU to write to Swan Taxis seeking clarification.
  - The Chairman declared that he met with ComfortDelGro representatives on 8 March and that it may be beneficial to travel to Singapore to view their taxi operations and to meet with other operators and local regulators.
2. **Actions from Previous meeting**
  - The Chairman listed the actions from the previous meeting and Mr Roberts apologised for not having prepared 2 replies to correspondence in from the February meeting.
3. **Minister's Taxi Driver Forum – 8 February 2011**
  - Mr Ryan outlined the Forum results and indicated that this item had been dispatched to the Minister's office. He advised the TIB of the intention to post these results on the Department's website after endorsement by the Minister.
  - The Chairman advised that he would speak to the Minister on this matter at his next meeting with him on 17 March.

4. **Regulatory Review Subcommittee**
  - Dr West presented a powerpoint report on the interstate and New Zealand study tour.
  - After some general discussion the TIB then agreed to the 5 principles of the regulatory review.
  - The discussion on any models was postponed until the extraordinary meeting to be held on 14 March.
  - The Chairman requested a report on the cost of regulation of the current regime.
  
5. **TIB Reference Group (TIBRG)**
  - The Chairman was advised that the TIB/RG tenure recommendations had been sent to the Minister's Office for approval.
  - There was some discussion around these recommendations and the continuity of the current members beyond May 2011. The Chairman indicated that he would raise this issue at his next meeting with the Minister.
  - The TIB resolved that the December 2011 quarterly report, a CHOGM update, the TOR's for the competency subcommittee, Regulatory Review Update, TIBRG remuneration and the plate release mechanisms be placed on the agenda for the next TIBRG meeting in early April.
  
6. **MPT Subcommittee.**
  - Ms Karasinski advised that this subcommittee had met on 8 March and Ms Judy Hogben, CEO Cerebral Palsy Association (CPA) had addressed it. Ms Karasinski reported that Ms Hogben had outlined the CPA's mode of operation relative to transport, its assets and the willingness to explore options to partially divest its transport task.
  - Ms Karasinski advised that the subcommittee was considering the options for the MPT service and the recommendations to the TIB would be made at the next TIB meeting in April.
  
7. **Competency Review Subcommittee**
  - The TIB members noted that the Terms of Reference and the TIB memo were with the Minister for approval. The Chairman undertook to speak to the Minister's office to progress this item.
  
8. **TIDA Subcommittee**
  - No items for this subcommittee.
  
9. **Correspondence**

**Out:**

  - The TIB noted this document.

**In:**

  - Nil
  
10. **Ministerial Issues**
  - The TIB noted the items with the Minister.
  - The Chairman advised that he was meeting with the

Minister on 17 March.

11. **Quarterly Performance Report**
  - Mr Ryan advised that the performance of the industry had dropped dramatically in the fourth quarter of 2010 and that the immediate release of more peak period plates was warranted. The Chairman requested a report on the number of plates that would be required to respond to this decline in performance and a release schedule.
  - He pointed out and the TIB noted that the telephone measures were still poor particularly the failure to connect.
  - The TIB members discussed the options for responsibility to be placed on the TDSs for poor performance including imposing penalties.
  
12. **Items to Note**
  - Nil
  
13. **Next Meeting**
  - Next monthly meeting is on 13 April 2011.
  - There are a number of extraordinary meetings to progress the regulatory review, to be held on 14 and 21 March 2011.