

TAXI PLATES

**663. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

- (1) What is the current actual percentage of taxi plates that are privately owned; and government owned—that is, plates leased by the government?
- (2) Does the government have a policy on the proportion of taxi plates that shall be privately owned; and, if so, what is that policy?

**Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:**

I thank Hon Simon O'Brien for some notice of this question to which I provide an answer on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure. The minister has provided the following response.

- (1) As at 5 June 2008 the relative percentages were: privately owned, 59.7 per cent; and government owned—that is, leased—40.3 per cent.
- (2) The government's policy regarding the proportion of privately owned taxi plates is determined by legislation and regulation that prescribes the maximum portion of taxi plates that shall be leased. This maximum portion, however, is constrained to only full-time plates. The portion is currently set at 35 per cent. The current percentage of full-time operational taxi plates as at 5 June 2008 as privately owned, 69.7 per cent; and government owned—leased—30.3 per cent.