

**TAXI PLATES**

*Question without Notice 808 — Supplementary Information*

**HON JIM CHOWN (Agricultural — Parliamentary Secretary)** [5.03 pm]: Mr President, the answer to question without notice 808 asked by Hon Samantha Rowe today has surfaced, so are you more than happy that I read it out or will I seek leave to have it incorporated in *Hansard*?

**The PRESIDENT:** It is your choice. You can incorporate it into *Hansard*.

**Hon JIM CHOWN:** I seek leave to have the answer incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

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- (1) Transition adjustment assistance payments to Perth taxi plate owners will be available following commencement of the Taxi Amendment Bill 2016. Taxi plate owners have had access to advisory services through the Small Business Development Corporation since July 2016. Arrangements for a hardship fund, that will be available to plate owners who are suffering severe financial distress as a result of reforms, are being finalised.
  - (2) A transition adjustment assistance payment of \$20,000 will be paid to current owners of metropolitan conventional and multi-purpose taxi plates for each plate purchased before 18 December 2015. \$6 000 will be paid to current owners of peak period and area restricted metropolitan taxi plates purchased before 18 December 2015.
  - (3) In addition to the Transition Assistance and Hardship Fund the Minister for Transport has also asked the Department of Transport to examine options for providing additional adjustment assistance to plate owners beyond what has already been committed, should it be required.
  - (4) 52 Conventional Taxi Lease Plates; 2 Multi-Purpose Taxi Lease Plates; 40 Peak Period Taxi Lease Plates.
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