

TAXIS — COUNTRY AREAS — DISPATCH SERVICES

1361. Hon ADELE FARINA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to taxi dispatch services in country areas.

- (1) Is there any requirement for taxi dispatch services that operate in country areas to be registered?
- (2) Are there any regulations or other legislated requirements for the operation of taxi dispatch services in country areas?
- (3) Is there a requirement for taxi dispatch services operating in the metropolitan area to be registered, and are there regulations or other legislated requirements that govern their operations?
- (4) What is the reason for the differing conditions for the operation of taxi dispatch services in metropolitan and country areas?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(2) No.
- (3) Section 26 of the Taxi Act 1994 prohibits a person from operating as a taxi dispatch service without being registered. Section 29 of the Taxi Act 1994 empowers the director general to impose conditions in relation to various matters, such as fare schedules and record keeping.
- (4) On-demand transport services have historically been regulated separately based on whether they operate in the metropolitan area or country areas. This was based on the different requirements of these areas. Taxi services within the Perth taxi control area are regulated under the Taxi Act 1994, whereas country taxis and other vehicles used for hire and reward outside the Perth taxi control area are regulated under the Transport Co-ordination Act 1966.