

TAXI FARES, CPI INCREASE

**379. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

With reference to the 8 November announcement by Kleenheat Gas of an increase of 4c a litre for liquefied petroleum gas products, which has led to an eight per cent rise in the consumer price index for taxi charges -

- (1) When will the minister adjust taxi fares to reflect the increase?
- (2) Will the minister confirm that holders of country taxi plates have been granted perpetuity of tenure?

**Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Taxi fares are reviewed annually based on the movement of the private motoring index, which is a component of the consumer price index. The review is undertaken after the June quarter data for the consumer price index is released in August of each year.
- (2) Country taxis operate on the issue of an annual renewable licence. These licences have an automatic right of renewal and can only be cancelled, suspended or not renewed through a formal process under the Act. From a legal and practical point of view, the rights of country taxi licence holders continue until there is a failure to comply with the relevant legislative provisions.