

TAXI PLATES — MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT'S COMMENTS

995. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Minister for Transport's comment on 9 August 2014 that "I think deregulation in the taxi industry is inevitable".

- (1) Does the minister accept that this comment caused the value of privately owned taxi plates to immediately plummet?
- (2) Was this the minister's intention?
- (3) If no, what is the minister doing to restore value to these taxi plates?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. Mr Dean Nalder, Minister for Transport, states —

- (1)–(2) No. It should be noted that this question misquotes me and that the comments have been used out of context of the statement that I made at the time.
- (3) The government will continue to focus on reforms that create opportunities for existing taxi operators to benefit from a more competitive and customer-focused taxi industry. This government has already delivered a range of reform initiatives to the taxi industry that include the deployment of a taxi camera surveillance unit upgrade to the whole metropolitan fleet; the mobile security patrol for taxidriviers during peak periods; first dedicated trial of purpose-built London cabs in Australia; and the introduction of a new Taxi Drivers Licensing Bill.