

TAXI PLATE LEASES

811. Hon Ken Travers to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) How many taxi plate leases expired in 2013?
- (2) How many of these taxi plate leases were re-leased?
- (3) What was the length of new taxi plate leases issued in 2013?
- (4) How many taxi plate leases, which expired in 2013, were not re-leased to the same driver?
- (5) What was the reason for the driver not having their lease renewed?
- (6) Are all taxi plate leases for the same period of time?
- (7) If no to (6), what are the different lease periods and why?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

- (1) 23
- (2) 22
- (3) Between 5–10 years
- (4) One
- (5) The applicant was unsuccessful in the Expression of Interest process.
- (6) No
- (7)
 - Multi-purpose taxi leases have historically had a ten year duration.
 - Peak Period Taxi Leases have historically had a ten year duration.
 - Area-restricted plate leases have historically had an eight or 10 year duration.
 - Conventional leases prior to mid-2013 had an eight year duration.
 - Conventional leases issued post mid-2013 have a five year lease. A shorter lease period, combined with performance-based selection processes has been adopted to encourage better utilisation of existing plates and improved services to the public.
 - One year extension/variations were offered to drivers with leases expiring during 2013 who did not meet the Expression of Interest criteria, but were able to provide plausible reasons for not doing so.