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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – TRANSPORT AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

MEDIA RELEASE

TAXI INDUSTRY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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An Upper House Committee has launched a new inquiry into the <u>Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016</u>, with a focus on the taxi industry.

The Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and Customer Service, Ms Abigail Boyd MLC, said: "The *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016*, which established a new regulatory framework for the point to point transport industry, has now been in place for almost four years. This inquiry is an opportunity to examine the operation of this regulatory framework as it applies to the taxi industry, which has experienced unprecedented change and disruption over recent years."

The Chair continued: "The committee will focus on a number of key issues affecting the taxi industry, including the system of bailment, the implementation of the industry assistance package and Passenger Service Levy, the impact of the legislation on the value of taxi plates, and the role and function of the Point to Point Transport Commissioner".

Have your say

The committee welcomes interested stakeholders including taxi drivers and owners to have their say through its <u>online questionnaire</u>. Organisations are encouraged to make a submission via the online portal.

Both the online questionnaire and submission portal close on 31 May 2020. For more information about the inquiry, including the committee membership and terms of reference, please visit the committee's website.

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