

Portfolio Committee NO.6 – Transport and Customer Service

Inquiry into the operation of the point to point transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) act 2016

Response to Question on notice:

Question from The Hon. Daniel Mookhey about Labor arrangements

Legions Response:

Legion Cabs fully supports the NSW Taxi Councils recommendation 10 in their submission. It is our view that the easiest way to increase driver earnings is to increase vehicle utilization. This can be accomplished in a number of ways, namely controlling the supply of licences for both taxis and rideshare.

Control of money flow prohibits determining a minimum wage – the frontline taxi business (the driver) collects the money, not Legion or the taxi operator – our businesses are different to rideshare as we don't control the money and indeed the money flows in the opposite direction.

It is also impossible for Taxi networks or operators to attempt to control the money flow, as the ACCC has ruled that a driver may use any payment terminal he or she chooses – thus ruling out any financial control by the network or the operator.

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