

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM


TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

The Taxi Industry Advisory Committee was established to provide advice on the efficient and effective operation of the ACT taxi industry. One of the primary functions of the Committee is to make recommendations regarding increases in taxi fares. The Committee has recommended such an increase based on CPI increases from January 1989 to March 1990. The increases are seen as interim pending a full evaluation of the way fares are determined which will be conducted by the Taxi Industry Advisory Committee.

The Regulation increases the cost of an average 7km trip from \$6.55 to \$7.10, a rise of 8.4%. The cost of multiple-hire rates will be 75% of normal, non-multiple hire rates.

There will be an increased annual cost to the ACT Taxi Scheme for the Disabled, administered by the Department of Health, of approximately \$19,500.

Details of the Regulation are set out in the Attachment.



Minister for Finance and Urban Services

ATTACHMENT

Regulation 1 provides that the "Principal Regulations" means the Taxi and Private Hire Car Regulations.

Regulation 2 provides that Regulation 24 of the Principal Regulations is amended in the following way-

- (a) by increasing the flag fall for a single hiring in paragraph 24(2)(a) from \$2.00 to \$2.20;
- (b) by increasing the flag fall for a multiple hiring in paragraph 24(2)(b) from \$1.50 to \$1.60;
- (c) by increasing the kilometre rate for single hiring on a weekday in paragraph 24(3)(a) from 65 cents to 70 cents for each kilometre travelled;
- (d) by increasing the kilometre rate for multiple hiring on a weekday in paragraph 24(3)(b) from 48.75 cents to 52.50 cents for each kilometre travelled;
- (e) by increasing the kilometre rate for single hiring on weekends, public holidays or night time hours on a weekday in paragraph 24(4)(c) from 75 cents to 81 cents for each kilometre travelled;
- (f) by increasing the kilometre rate for multiple hiring on weekends, public holidays or night time hours on a weekday in paragraph 24(4)(d) from 56.25 cents to 60.75 cents for each kilometre travelled; and
- (g) by omitting "\$17.50" from subregulation 24(6) which deals with waiting time and substituting "\$18.60" for each hour.

Regulation 3 provides that Schedule 2 of the Principal Regulations, which deals with the display of taxi fares in a taxi, is omitted and a new Schedule 2 is substituted to incorporate the above increases relating to flag fall and kilometre rates.