

Road Transport (General) (Taxi Licence and Stand-by Hire Car Permit Fees) Determination 2006 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2006–37

made under the

Road Transport (General) Act 1999, Section 96 (Determination of fees, charges and other amounts)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 96 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* allows for the Minister to determine fees, charges and other amounts payable under the ACT Road Transport legislation.

This Instrument sets the new fees associated with the Road Transport Legislation (Taxi Licences) Amendment Regulation 2006 (No 1). The fees are those for:

- an application for entry into a ballot of defined rights for certain taxi licences;
- the issue of an extension of a defined right period;
- the issue of transferable leased taxi licence;
- the renewal of a wheelchair accessible taxi licence; and
- the issue of stand-by hire car permit.

The defined rights application fee is payable by a person who submits an application for entry into a ballot of defined rights for transferable leased taxi licences or wheelchair accessible taxi licences. The fee of \$25.00 is consistent with charges payable for similar applications.

As a condition of defined rights for transferable leased taxi licences, a defined right will end 45 days after the day of the ballot (if not ended earlier, for example by the person's being issued with a taxi licence). However, a person may apply to the Road Transport Authority for an extension of the defined right period. Under this instrument, such an extension will incur a \$500.00 fee, which will be refundable upon the issue of the taxi licence for which the defined right was given. The level of the fee reflects the need to encourage such applications only from people who genuinely intend to operate one of the new leased licences.

The fee for the issue of a transferable leased taxi licence (\$20,000 pa) is based on the market value of leases of existing taxi licences (other than restricted taxi licences). The instrument also provides the option of electing to make quarterly payments of \$5,000.00.

The instrument provides the fee for the renewal of a wheelchair accessible taxi licence. The fee is payable annually throughout the duration of the six-year licence renewal and is the same amount as charged for the issue of a wheel chair accessible taxi licence.

The final fee contained in the instrument relates to the issue of a stand-by hire car permit. The fee has been included as the result of the Road Transport Legislation Amendment 2005 (No 1), which allowed for the issue of stand-by hire car permits, under Section 177C of the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regulation 2002*.

This declaration is a Disallowable Instrument, and must be presented to the Legislative Assembly within six sitting days after its notification in pursuance of Section 64 of the *Legislation Act 2001*.