AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY ROAD TRANSPORT (GENERAL) ACT 1999 DETERMINATION OF TAXI FARES INSTRUMENT NO. 112 OF 2001

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This instrument revokes Determination 223 dated 26 June 2000 and published in the Special Gazette No. S31 on 29 June 2000.

Section 115(1) of the Road Transport (General) Act 1999 specifies that the Minister may, by notice published in the Gazette, determine the maximum fares chargeable for the hiring of a taxi. This notice is a disallowable instrument in the Legislative Assembly.

The ACT Government, to meet the price oversight requirements of the National Competition Principles Agreement, referred taxi fares to the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission to review taxi fares for 2001-2003.

On 30 May 2001 Mr Paul Baxter, Senior Commissioner Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission handed down his Taxi Fares for 1 July 2001 – 30 June 2003. The Commissioner recommended in 2001-02 there be an average fare price increase of 5.5%. He further noted that changes likely to occur in the industry over the next twelve months would require him to again review the level of fares for 2002-03.

The average fare price increase for 2001-02 is reflected in the Schedule to the Determination and is consistent with Schedule 1 of the Price Direction.

The new fares are to apply from 1 July 2001.

Description of matter in respect of which fare is payable	Old Fare	New Fare
Radio Bookings	\$0.65	\$0.65
Standard Taxi (single hiring)		
Flagfall	\$3.20	\$3.20
Kilometre Rate		
- For a journey commencing between 6 am and 9 pm on a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday	\$1.193	\$1.282
- For a journey commencing before 6 am or after 9 pm Monday to Friday and all day on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday	\$1.372	\$1.474
Standard Taxi – (multiple hiring)		
Flagfall	\$2.40	\$2.40
Kilometre Rate		
- For a journey commencing between 6 am and 9 pm on a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday	\$0.863	\$0.930
- For a journey commencing before 6 am or after 9 pm Monday to Friday and all day on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday	\$0.998	\$1.074
High Occupancy Taxi (6 or more passengers)	#4.00	£4.00
Flagfall	\$4.80	\$4.80
Kilometre Rate		
- For a journey commencing between 6 am and 9 pm on a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday	\$1.852	\$1.987
- For a journey commencing before 6 am or after 9 pm Monday to Friday and all day on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday	\$2.121	\$2.275
WAITING TIME (per hour)	\$27.00	\$28.50

Toll \$2.00

For a journey commencing at the designated taxi rank at the Canberra International Airport where the taxi driver has paid the toll and holds the receipt issued by the Capital Airport Group.

- a. single hiring the toll
- b. multiple hiring for a multiple hire, the toll to be shared equally by each hirer