

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY
COMMISSION ACT 1997

REFERENCE FOR INVESTIGATION UNDER SECTION 15
AND
SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO INVESTIGATION UNDER SECTION 16

Reference for Investigation Under Section 15

Pursuant to subsection 15(1) of the Act, I direct the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (the "Commission") to conduct an investigation into the determination of prices for Taxi services within the Territory from 1 July 2001 addressing the following:

1. the methodology which will be used to determine prices (fares) for taxi services to provide a reliable and sustainable service for the period of the determination for both the industry and consumers; and
2. the recommended maximum fares for the regulated taxi services for a period of two years from 1 July 2001.

Without restricting the Commission in reaching a determination on those matters listed in items 1 and 2 above the Commission is to take into account:

- a) The degree of competition within the industry and the way in which that may affect the efficiency of the industry; and
- b) The matters referred to in Section 20 of the Act.

If appropriate the Commission may wish to firstly examine and report on the methodology which will be used to determine fares for taxi services and then having completed that review recommended maximum fares for the regulated services.

Specified Requirements in Relation to Investigation Under Section 16

Pursuant to subsection 16(1) of the Act, I specify the following requirement in relation to the conduct of the investigation:

- The Commission in conducting its investigation into the determination of fares shall determine a price path capable of being applied over a period of 2 years.
- The final report in relation to determined taxi fares for the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2003 is to be provided to the Minister of Urban Services by 30 May 2001;

Dated this 6th day of November 2000

BRENDAN SMYTH
MINISTER FOR URBAN SERVICES