Question on Notice

No. 337

Asked on Wednesday 12 March 2008

MRS CUNNINGHAM ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL) —

QUESTION:

In relation to peak hour taxi services—
(1) What is the process for regional applications for peak hour licences?
(2) Who must institute the application?
(3) How many regional centres have applied for peak hour licences (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

(1) As part of an initiative to improve taxi services for Queenslanders, taxi booking companies will be required to lodge a Peak Demand Management Plan.

I am advised the Peak Demand Management Plan will be effective for a 12 month period and must cover information including:
- strategies for managing the demand for taxi services during peak patronage periods in the relevant area;
- the number of peak demand taxis, if any, needed under the plan;
- the days, starting times and finishing times of the peak demand taxi shifts; and
- strategies to inform taxi drivers, taxi service operators and the local community in the relevant area about the content of the plan and achievement of its objectives.

(2) The application must be instituted by a taxi booking company.

(3) I am advised no applications have been received as the regulations are not yet in place for this initiative.