Road Transport (General) Public Passenger Services Licence and Accreditation Fees Determination 2011

Disallowable instrument DI2011-110

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 the Minister to determine fees, charges and other amounts payable under the ACT road transport legislation.

This disallowable instrument has the effect of determining fees payable relating to operator accreditation for taxis, buses, demand responsive services, hire cars and taxi networks and the licensing of taxis and hire cars under the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001*.

The recommendation of the 2010 Taxi Review, as agreed by Government, to reduce lease fees for Wheelchair Accessible Taxis to improve taxi operator viability, reduces the lease fee for a single wheelchair accessible taxi from \$3,000 to \$1,000 and the lease fee for a dual wheelchair accessible taxi from \$1,000 to \$100. Due to the significant reduction in the fees for WATS, the discounted fees for operators with more than one WAT have not been retained in the fee determination.

New annual fees for an operator of a motorbike that is used as a leased hire car have been included in the fee determination.

The annual hire car licence fee of \$4600 does not apply to motorbikes.

It is appropriate to apply a licence fee for operators who operate a motorbike, motorbike and sidecar or a motortrike as a hire service for fare and reward. A fee of \$460 is established for a motorbike capable of carrying one passenger, being 10% of the hire car annual fee and a fee of \$920 is established for a motorbike or motortrike capable of carrying two or more passengers, being 20% of the hire car annual fee. The new fees apply from 1 July 2011.

This determination is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after its notification pursuant to section 64 of the *Legislation Act 2001*.