AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 5 of 1970

On 21 January 1970 it was announced that certain increases in taxi fares had been approved.

Particulars of the increases are as follows:

- the mileage rate from $17\frac{1}{2}$ cents to 20 cents per mile;
- the rate for a journey beyond the City area from 12 cents to 14 cents per mile;
- the waiting charge from 15 cents for every five minutes to 25 cents for every six minutes;
- the rate for weddings and funerals from \$5 to 47 for the first hour and from 50 cents to 75 cents for every fifteen minutes thereafter;
- radio booking fee from 5 cents to 10 cents.

The increases — the first since November 1965 — are considered necessary to give operators a reasonable return on their investments in view of their income and costs.

A regulation has been drafted giving effect to the increases approved and it will come into effect on the date of its notification in the Gazette, no other date having been specified.

There is adequate provision in the existing Regulations in relation to the period during which necessary adjustments are made to taximeters.

Fare conversion cards have been printed and are ready for distribution to operators.

(Minister's Initials)