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Dear Professor Parry

IPART is about to commence its third review of Taxi Fares, and make a recommendation to the Minister for Transport on fares for 2003. We, as a representative of Sydney Taxi Drivers are very concerned that your assessment should be based on the full details of the Industry, and not on merely the operating costs of taxi operators.

The Taxi Operator receives his total income from the bailment of his Taxi to a bailee driver, and an incidental portion from advertising on the cab. This income, in Sydney, is not related to the level of earnings from fares. It is a "fixed pay in" on a per shift basis.

It is the Taxi Driver to whom fares flow for his many, long hours of driving labour. And it is from him that the "fixed pay in" bailment, the heavy cost burden of fuel and wash, and finally the meagre retention by way of self paid wages flow.

We currently earns less than \$7.00 an hour.

To make a proper assessment all the facts are needed. Where is the statistical base of the industry? How many fares at what average meter rate does the average driver do in a shift ?? What indeed is the proven base of an "average Fare" ??? How many hours does a cabbie work to get what level of income ????

En the past two years, IPART has itself acknowledged a [almost] total lack of information as to the basis of the industry.

And it has noted a level of Operator Costs that exceed revenue from Bailment by over \$20.000 a cab ,!! For 2003, can we please all get a base on which to assess the reality of the Taxi Industry.

We respectfully call on IPART to provide such elementary statistical data as to make their, and the wider community's input meaningful.

Yours Sincerely


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