



Annual Independent Review of Taxi Fares

New fares will apply for taxis following the annual review by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

Director General of the Ministry of Transport, Jim Glasson, said the Ministry had accepted IPART's independent recommendations for a 6 per cent increase in fares.

The fare increase will be effective from 27 August 2007.

"For taxi passengers, the average 7km city journey will rise by \$1.03, and the fare for the average 3km country taxi journey will increase by \$0.67," Mr Glasson said.

"IPART has identified cost movements in the Taxi Industry Cost Index, which put added pressure on fares.

"Increased costs in the last 12 months include higher licence plate lease costs and a rise in notional drivers' wages, justifying an increase.

"Higher LPG costs were also identified by IPART as a pressure on taxi expenses."

Key changes for urban fares are:

- The per kilometre rate for fares will increase 11 cents to \$1.79.
- Flagfall fee will increase by 10 cents to \$3.
- Radio booking fee will increase by 10 cents to \$1.60.
- Waiting time fee will increase by \$2.90 to \$46.20 per hour.

Key changes for country fares are:

- The per kilometre rate for fares will increase 10 cents to \$1.83.
- Flagfall fee will increase by 10 cents to \$3.50.
- Radio booking fee will increase by 10 cents to \$1.
- Waiting time fee will increase by \$4.45 to \$47.20 per hour.

A copy of the full IPART report is available at www.ipart.nsw.gov.au.