Mrs Giulia Jones MLA

Chair

Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role)

ACT Legislative Assembly

GPO 1020

CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mrs Jones

I am writing in response to Scrutiny Report No.3 of 14 March 2017 of the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety in its Legislative Scrutiny role (the Committee) and comments made by the Committee in relation to DI2016 -293 Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2016.

I thank the Committee for its comments and note the Committee’s view that the relevant explanatory statement did not address to the Committee’s satisfaction the technical and stylistic standards expected by the Committee. To address this, I provide the following information.

The increased fares represent indexation of 2.7 per cent and additional increases in cash fares through the rounding of cash fares to the nearest 10 cents. Increased cash fares are justified as an incentive to increase MyWay card use which provides administrative efficiencies including reduced boarding times on services and improved passenger movement data for planning purposes.

I have attached a table of the fare increase as included in the explanatory statement but, consistent with the Committee’s guidelines, now include the increased percentage rates to comply with the Committee’s technical and stylistic standards.

Future fare instruments will include such information in the explanatory statement. I trust that this response addresses the Committee’s comments. I thank the Committee again for its comments and acknowledge the Committee’s guidance in the preparation of explanatory statements.

Yours sincerely

Meegan Fitzharris MLA

Minister for Transport and City Services

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| Table : fare increases from 7 January 2017 | | | | | |
|  |  | Current Fare | Proposed Fare | Increase | Increased Percentage |
| MyWay Peak | Adult | $2.98 | $3.06 | $0.08 | 2.7% |
| Concession | $1.49 | $1.53 | $0.04 | 2.7% |
| Tertiary | $1.49 | $1.53 | $0.04 | 2.7% |
| School Student | $1.13 | $1.16 | $0.03 | 2.7% |
| MyWay Off Peak | Adult | $2.37 | $2.43 | $0.06 | 2.5% |
| Concession | $0.83 | $0.85 | $0.02 | 2.4% |
| Tertiary | $1.49 | $1.53 | $0.04 | 2.7% |
| School Student | $1.13 | $1.16 | $0.03 | 2.7% |
| Cash | Adult | $4.70 | $4.80 | $0.10 | 2.1% |
| Concession | $2.30 | $2.40 | $0.10 | 4.3% |
| Weekday Daily Fare Cap/Daily Cash Fare | Adult | $9.00 | $9.20 | $0.20 | 2.2% |
| Concession | $4.50 | $4.60 | $0.10 | 2.2% |
| Non School Days | School Student | $1.49 | $1.53 | $0.04 | 2.7% |
| Maximum Monthly Cost\* | Adult | $119.20 | $122.40 | $3.20 | 2.7% |
| Concession | $59.60 | $61.20 | $1.60 | 2.7% |
| School Student | $33.90 | $34.80 | $0.90 | 2.7% |

\*Assumptions - 21 working/school days per month, 2 paid trips per day, no weekend/off peak travel or other discounted MyWay fares applied no change to monthly fare caps.