

Hon David O'Byrne MP
Minister for Economic Development
Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology
Minister for Infrastructure
Minister for Police and Emergency Management
Minister for Workplace Relations

Level 9, 15 Murray Street, Hobart Tas 7000
Ph +61 3 6233 8892 Fax +61 3 6233 7663
david.o'byrne@parliament.tas.gov.au



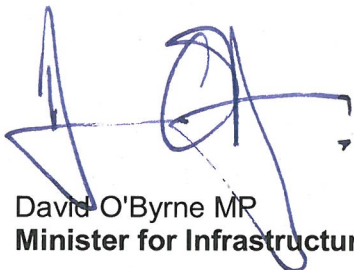
12 DEC 2012

The Hon Tania Rattray MLC
Chair
Government Business Scrutiny Committee 'B'

2012 Inquiries – Additional Information Request in relation to the Motor Accidents Insurance Board

At the Legislative Council Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee "B" hearing on Friday, 7 December 2012, additional information was requested from the Motor Accidents Insurance Board.

Please find attached the additional information, as requested (**Attachment A**).



David O'Byrne MP
Minister for Infrastructure



Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee “B”

Request for Additional Information from the Motor Accidents Insurance Board

1. Total cost for the Board to operate (total expenses):

The total cost for the Board to operate for 2011/12 was \$386,000.

2. What was the percentage increase in remuneration for the Chair of the Board following the appointment of the current Chair?

Government Business Board fees are set by the Government, taking account of a sizing methodology and remuneration framework maintained by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

During 2010, as part of the Government's consideration of appropriate future general increases for board fees, the sizings of two Government businesses were reviewed and adjusted and, hence the board member remuneration. The sizing and board member remuneration of the MAIB was adjusted as an outcome of this review to recognise that the MAIB, in addition to its insurance activities, is also a very substantial funds manager, with a significant investment portfolio, operating in a fully competitive national market. New board fees were approved by the Government and advised to the MAIB by the Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet on 6 December 2010.

The fee payable to the Chairman of the MAIB increased from \$49,660 to \$71,462, an increase of 43.9%, while that applicable to other Directors increased from \$24,224 to \$33,913, an increase of 40%.

3. Statistics supporting the statement contained on page 11 of the current Annual Report that the Metro Night Rider Bus “was well patronised and is pivotal in the reduction of alcohol related accidents”.

In 2011/12 the Metro Night Rider Bus service was well patronised with 3,390 passengers utilising the service - an increase of 45% over the previous year.

Alcohol is a factor in a disproportionate number of motor accidents in the early hours of the morning, particularly weekends. The following information is provided from the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources database:

Serious Casualties between midnight and 2.00 am where alcohol was a factor (2003 – 2012):

Day	Serious Casualties, including fatalities
New Years Day	3
Saturday mornings (All year)	50
Sunday mornings (All year)	24