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Hi - please see me responses below, many thanks.

**1 What is the gross amount predicted to be raised by the proposed \$2 levy and how much is it going to cost to collect these funds to redistribute? (Transcript p. 6)**

The costs associated with collecting the levy will depend on the final approach to implementation, and market factors such as the number of taxpayers, which will not be known until the new framework is implemented.

**2 Is the Government currently selling taxi and hire car licences? (Transcript p. 6)**

All commercial passenger vehicles continue to be required to operate under a valid taxi or hire car licence. Since 23 August 2016, commercial passenger vehicle businesses have acquired licences to start or expand their businesses or to provide different services.

Business owners have the choice of purchasing or leasing a licence from another licence holder or applying to the Taxi Services Commission to be granted a new taxi-cab licence.

Since the Government's announcement on 23 August 2016, the Taxi Services Commission has granted applications for 18 new taxi-cab licences, comprising:

- 6 Metropolitan conventional annual licence;
- 1 Metropolitan Wheelchair Accessible Taxi annual licence;
- 1 Urban conventional annual taxi licence;
- 6 Regional conventional taxi licences;
- 3 Regional Wheelchair Accessible Taxi licence; and
- 1 Country conventional taxi licences.

Businesses that apply for a new taxi-cab licence are required to pay an application fee of \$177.10 and annual licence fee of \$23,017. Businesses may prefer to apply to the TSC for a new licence because they find the TSC easier to deal with or the annual fee is less than they would pay to lease a licence.

Requiring operators of new taxi-cab licences to pay an annual licence fee helps to preserve the value of perpetual licences until the Government's reforms become law. At that time eligible taxi and hire car licence holders will receive transition assistance payments and the price barriers to entry to new taxi-cabs will be removed by lowering licensing fees.