

Thank you for the opportunity to appear at yesterday's hearing on ride sourcing regulations in Victoria.

During our presentation we were asked a question by the committee about our direct communications with Uber and whether we had discussed the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program fare subsidy with Uber at any stage or equivalent subsidy schemes in other states.

I said yesterday that I would need to consult with colleagues today and send a written response to that question.

The answer is, yes, Vision Australia has had discussions with Uber in the past about the need for an extension of fare subsidies to cover Uber rides. Uber are well aware that each state has a fare subsidy scheme for people with disability and that it is only accepted at present in taxis.

Our position is that state subsidy schemes must remain government funded and must be expanded. As more and more ride sharing services enter the market the fare subsidy should cover all existing and emerging services.

If the committee require Andy clarification or have any further questions please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you.
Sincerely
