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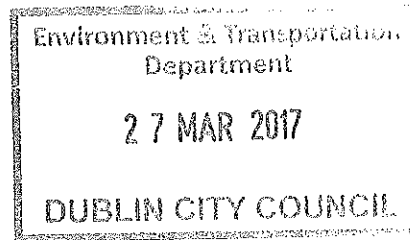
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Dear Mr Hickey

I am writing in response to your request for an update on the proposed regulation of rickshaws. Dáil Éireann voted to provide for the regulation of rickshaws, by way of an amendment to the then Road Traffic Bill 2016, which subsequently became Section 31 of the Road Traffic Act 2016.

As the Minister has indicated in the Seanad and in reply to Parliamentary Questions, he needs to take legal advice on the implications of Section 31 - especially given that it was not drafted by the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel or approved by the Office of the Attorney General - and this Department has sought legal advice on the matter.

In addition, the National Transport Authority (NTA) has submitted to the Department, proposals for a potential framework for the future regulation of rickshaws. Officials received the NTA's proposals last month and they will be considered in tandem with the legal advice when received. The Minister shares the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee's concerns about the need for regulation of rickshaws, but it would not be appropriate to commence Section 31 of the Road Traffic Act 2016 before (1) the legal position is clarified and (2) officials have considered the NTA's proposals on an appropriate and robust regulatory framework for rickshaws.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Smith
Private Secretary to Minister Ross

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