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Dear Mr Hickey

Thank you for your letter dated 11 July 2018.

My Department has considered a range of options for regulating rickshaws from the perspectives of proportionality, public safety and enforcement as well as regarding the question of costs and benefits. Options considered included introducing a framework to regulate rickshaws up to introducing a full prohibition. Following formal legal advice in the matter from the Attorney General and further consideration, I now believe that the appropriate response to the concerns raised is to regulate rickshaws with the introduction of a licensing regime. Licensing provisions will, first and foremost, be designed as a framework to help ensure improved public safety and an enhanced rickshaw passenger experience.

My Department is considering the detail of how the new regime could work, including whether it might involve setting new standards that would permit only certain types of rickshaw to be licensed while other types would not be allowed to ply for hire or reward.

Yours sincerely,

Minister Shane Ross
Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport

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