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### **Re: Taxi Drivers Operating in Dublin**

Dear Mr. Hickey,

I refer to your letter, on behalf of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee of Dublin City Council, seeking information on the number of taxi drivers operating in Dublin, who are based in other counties.

As explained in my previous letter of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015, upon passing an Area Knowledge Test, the holder of a licence to drive small public service vehicles, can stand at taxi ranks, and to accept on-street hiring, in the county in respect of which he/she has successfully passed the Area Knowledge test. Each licence holder is permitted to sit additional Area Knowledge tests for additional counties where he/she may wish to operate. Accordingly, if successful in passing such tests, a taxi driver may hold authorisation to accept on-street hiring for more than one county.

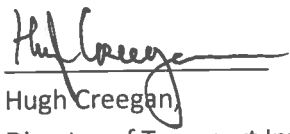
In cases where the driver of a taxi driver holds authorisations for more than one county, we do not collect data on which county they are operating in each day. Accordingly, we are not in a position to confirm how many of the licensed taxi drivers, who hold authorisations for more than one county with one of those counties being Dublin, operate in Dublin at any given time.

We can, however, confirm the following:

- There are 10,386 licensed taxi vehicles (including wheelchair accessible taxis) where the holder of the licence has registered a Dublin address;
- There are 13,395 holders of small public service vehicle driver licences who are authorised to stand or ply for hire in Dublin only;
- There are 14,468 holders of small public service vehicle driver licences who are authorised to stand or ply for hire in more than one county, one of which is Dublin;
- Of the 14,468 holders of small public service vehicle driver licences that are authorised to stand or ply for hire in more than one county, one of which is Dublin, 2,092 of these have an address which is outside of Dublin.

I trust that the above information clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hugh Creegan", written over a horizontal line.

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Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation.