

APPENDIX C

From: Mr C Thomas
Sent: 28 November 2021 19:31
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Subject: RE: Fare rise application

Many thanks for your update Emma.

I think it worth mentioning that when I sent in the application email on 8th August I was paying 136.9p for diesel (at Esso) and that last week I paid 152.9p, an increase of 16p per litre. So it is likely that the consensus proposal is unscrambling as drivers want more. This has to be balanced against the fact that, outside of the holiday season, a half or more of taxi customers come from socio-economic group E, living on Benefits and pensions. Fares must stay affordable for them.

I have been saying to taxi drivers that we should take whatever is offered and apply for another increase soon afterwards. However, I am now told by Ian Starling, meter supplier, that this will be the last increase that REM4 meters will cope with and that owners will have to change their ageing meters next time. This will not please taxi owners. It makes it desirable that this increase is a worthwhile one, so that it can last for a few years.

Let's hope we can achieve that.

Kind regards,

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Sent from my Galaxy