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Mr Endre Kovacs  
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ACT Taxi Plate Owners Association (ACTTPOA)  
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Dear Mr Kovacs

Thank you for your follow-up letter about increasing the ACT Government's annual taxi lease fee.

The ACT Government continues to value and acknowledge the vital contribution that the taxi industry makes to the ACT community.

As I have previously advised, the ACT Government considers taxi plates to be a community asset that delivers essential services to the community, rather than an exclusive investment product, and has delivered a range of measures to support local business and industry in recognition of the difficulties faced by the taxi industry.

In my previous correspondence and during the meeting with ACTTPOA in November 2022, I advised the consideration of an increase to taxi lease fees would not proceed without supporting evidence from ACTTPOA to demonstrate how a taxi lease fee increase would result in improved benefits for the community. I am unable to consider ACTTPOA's proposal further.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Transport  
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