



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Deputy Lord Mayor
Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice

UBER DRIVERS

Meeting: Finance and Governance Committee Meeting date: 18 February 2020

Raised by: Alderman Behrakis

Question:

Does the Lord Mayor believe in the low wage economy where Uber drivers average \$5.00 per hour?

Response:

No, I don't "believe in the low wage economy". I use taxis and Uber services and when I chat to drivers of both services, they express both satisfaction and dissatisfaction with the nature of their business. While Uber has a lower per kilometre flag fall, it offers some drivers more flexibility and a lower cost of entry into the driving business.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

Councillor A M Reynolds
LORD MAYOR

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