



**GARY HIGGINS**  
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**Toot toot: CONFIRMED TAXI TAX**

Today's Estimates Hearings confirmed that the taxi tax is nothing more than a revenue raising tax grab by Labor.

Answering questions today about the Labor government's ride sharing policy, the Infrastructure Minister admitted there had been no additional resources given to her agency to promote and implement the (ridesharing) policy.

She blamed a "tight fiscal situation."

Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins said that the government cannot be trusted on the promises it makes.

"Labor promised to raise \$4 million with the extra \$1 levy and to put that money towards implementing the policy on additional travel options for Territorians.

"But today it was made very clear that the \$1 levy has simply gone straight to the government's coffers and not to regulating the new arrangements as promised.

"The \$1 taxi tax is an increase on the cost-of-living for all Territorians who used taxis, ride sharing trips, mini bus and private hires, whether there was a ridesharing opportunity in their location or not.

"When asked during Estimates today, Labor could not tell the Opposition, let alone Territorians, how much it has raised from the \$1 levy and it also admitted that the government doesn't intend to keep its word by using this money to regulate its new policy," said Mr Higgins.

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