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On-Demand Industry Increasing, But Regulatory Staff Decreasing

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The CPSU/CSA has raised concerns about compliance in On Demand Transport, as the Government announces its plan to tackle the inequity in the industry.

Statement from Toni Walkington, Secretary of CPSU/CSA

“The Government say they are tackling the inequity in the On-Demand Transport industry and providing one regulatory system for the travelling public, while they reduce the workforce tasked with regulating the industry.

“The Department has begun a structural change which reduces the workforce for compliance from 17 to 8 staff with an expanded education role. This does not reflect a levelling of the playing field; it reflects a withdrawal of the compliance function of government in this important transport industry.

“The former Western Australian government failed to act on reforming the On-demand transport industry. We have encouraged the McGowan government to take strong and decisive leadership on this issue and introduce reform items that will protect the workforce and end-users of the services alike.

“CPSU/CSA members have a commitment to providing quality advice and licensing services to the public and take pride in seeing their work delivering positive transport services to the community of Western Australia.

“The restructure of the staffing within the Department of Transport must be stopped and workplace reform for this important compliance role should be considered as part of a larger strategic approach to fixing the mess created by the inaction of the previous government.

“The rise of Uber into the On-Demand Transport market has ramped up the need for regulation to ensure the safety of West Australians and equity in this market, we need more compliance officers, not less.

“Our members have a commitment to providing quality advice and licensing services to the public and take pride in seeing their work delivering positive transport services to the community of Western Australia.”

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