

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2006

**Question: F39**

**Outcome 3, Output 3.1**

**Topic: Life Gold Travel Pass – entitlement to COMCAR**

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**Senator Ray asked:**

Could you let me know, on notice, if it can be rectified, what head of power it can be rectified under so that I know where to take it up again at some later time.

**Answer:**

Providing an entitlement for Life Gold Pass holders to travel by COMCAR, or otherwise use any car-with-driver or hire car services, would require amendment to the *Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Act 2002* (the Act).

Section 4 of the Act currently defines the entitlement as being limited to ... *a scheduled commercial transport service or on a combination of scheduled commercial transport services ... [meaning:]*

- (a) *a scheduled air service; or*
- (b) *a scheduled rail service; or*
- (c) *a scheduled bus service; or*
- (d) *a scheduled tram service; or*
- (e) *a scheduled ferry service; or*
- (f) *a scheduled vehicular service.*

Section 25 of the Act further provides that *a person's entitlement under this Act to a domestic return trip is limited to travel at the expense of the Commonwealth on the scheduled transport service or services concerned.*