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Subject: Taxi Inquiry Submission - Badih Sakr

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing a submission about the impact the taxi industry reforms have had on my financial situation. I have summarised my thoughts in dot points below:

▪ **Prior to reforms:**

- Owner and operator
- I owned two tax licenses
 - Operated one, earned daily average of \$350-\$400
 - Leased one for \$2,800 per month

▪ **Post reforms:**

- Nil licenses held
- Earn daily average of between \$100-\$150, equating to roughly \$200-\$250 daily loss
- Loss of monthly lease income of \$2,800 per month
- **Total monthly loss of c.\$10,000 per month**
- Over a period of the next 10 years, \$1.3m loss of income.
- This regular income stream was reserved for my retirement. I have prolonged my retirement and am looking at working until I physically can.
- Unfortunately, we were not deemed legible for the fairness fund even though of the above
- I am still part of the industry as a taxi driver because of my love for customer service, especially tending to the elderly
- The reforms have affected the way we live life, I must work a minimum 6 days to be able to cover my expenses and put food on my table. This has become increasingly difficult with more additions to the family and my deteriorating physical condition. I am currently 78 and do not have enough to retire. A sad thought knowing that my financial situation prior to the reforms would have meant I retired comfortably.

I hope that something can be done so we can be properly compensated...

Regards,
Badih Sakr