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As discussed, I took a call from Blair Davies from the Australian Taxi Industry Association this afternoon in relation to Box 1.1 on page 19 of the Draft Report relating to Uber.

Mr Davies was interested to ascertain the sources of the information in the Box as he was of the view that it doesn't accurately reflect the current state of play. Mr Davies then ran through his understanding of the regulatory responses to Uber both within Australia and internationally. I outlined my understanding that the box outlined the current state of play from a range of public sources and that, where the Panel had relied on specific submissions, they were referenced. I said that we were interested to hear his views on the regulatory framework and confirmed that he was planning to put them in writing.

Mr Davies asked a number of other times what the source of the box was and I responded in the same manner – when asked whether there was a specific concern I could respond to Mr Davies said he was trying to exclude that the information had come from certain sources and that he couldn't do so when I 'refused to answer his question'. I responded that I had answered his question on a number of occasions as best I could (again, the information was from a variety of sources and if he had concerns with it we wanted to hear what they were in their submission to the Draft Report – if the Panel were convinced by their submission then changes would of course flow through to the Final Report).

Mr Davies seemed to take this as a refusal on my part to answer his question and asked that I make a file note of the conversation, which this email constitutes, noting that he had asked the question a number of times and that I had, in his view, not responded. Mr Davies noted he would put in a complaint as well as a submission.

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