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TRANSPORT AUTHORITY ACHIEVES TARGET FOR PROCESSING BACKLOG APPLICATIONS

The Transport Authority has kept its promise to clear the backlog of new applications for road licences, after meeting its target of processing over six hundred outstanding applications in the past three weeks.

Consideration of applications for all categories of Public Passenger Vehicle (PPV) licences was temporarily suspended, after the General Elections in September and the subsequent dissolution of the Transport Authority Board. The absence of a Board meant there was no Licensing Review Committee in place and this created a backlog in the review and approval of new licence applications. At the end of October, the number of licence applications to be reviewed stood at 612.

A new board has since been named and at the end of November, 2007 a commitment was given to process the outstanding applications in three weeks. This has been achieved and applications are now being processed as follows:

- Hackney Carriage & Route Taxi – 7 working days
- Contract Carriage – 15 working days

- Rural Stage Carriage – 25 working days

The categories of licences affected were: Stage Carriage, Express Carriage, Contract Carriage, Hackney Carriage and Route Taxi Services.

The Transport Authority again apologizes for the inconvenience caused to customers.

Persons who wish to find out the status of their applications may call our toll free line:

1-888-991-5687.

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