APPENDIX 1

1. I have been advised that the current proposal for the taxi fare increase is currently to start the meter at £2.50 on the flag and then 30p increments thereafter. Having looked at this and checking how it works with the fare structure for Aberdeen city I need to bring to your attention that it cannot work in the taximeters. The taximeter is a very complex calculator but has limited ability in certain aspects of its operation. It cannot calculate fractions of pennies and the current proposal would contain that in the structure.

EG:

£2.50 flag + more than 4 passengers = £3.75 + xmas tariff = $\underline{£5.62.5}$ 30p increment = more than 4 passengers = 45p + xmas tariff = 67.5p

The taximeters can not run as above.

In order to achieve the 5% rise I would suggest keeping the increments as they currently are £2.40 flag and 20p thereafter and adjust the distance to achieve the required price. It is possible to change the start increment to £2.60, £2.80, £3.00 and adjust the distance to acquire the desired price but in any case the increments must end in "0" and the next digit must be even IE 2,4,6,8,in order to run the structure used for Aberdeen city tariff.

As I am a specialist supplier of taximeters this is fact and specialist advice.