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2017 Automobile Insurance Review

Taxi Operator Meetings Transcript

Thursday, April 12, 2018 Session Three

Present:

The Board:

Darlene Whalen, Chair and CEO Dwanda Newman, Vice-Chair James Oxford, Commissioner

Board Counsel/ Staff:

Jacqueline Glynn, Board Counsel Ryan Oake

Participants:

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Krista Quigley and Todd Edmonds, Star Taxi

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1	NOTICE TO READER: THIS TRANSCRIPT HAS BEEN PRODUCED	1	have it in the third week of May. May 23rd
2	FROM AUDIO THAT WAS NOT RECORDED BY DISCOVERIES	2	is our target right now. It's intended to
3	UNLIMITED AND WITHOUT THE AID OF DISCOVERIES	3	be a very informal discussion. We are
4	UNLIMITED'S COURT REPORTER.	4	transcribing to ensure that we have a
5	MS. GLYNN:	5	verified record of what it said. The
6	Q. So, I just have a few opening remarks, more	6	transcript will become part of the public
1 7	for the record and then we'll get you guys	7	record and will be available on our website
8	started. As Darlene had just alluded to,	8	and then maybe referred to by the
9	like I said, I thank you for taking your	9	Commissioners when we make our report to
10	time to come in and speak with us today, we	10	government. That report is scheduled to be
11	really appreciate that. We've already	11	filed June 30th. The Board will not make any
12	introduced ourselves, but for the record, we	12	determinations or decisions on the issues;
13	have Ryan Oake, who's our regulatory	13	we make recommendations. But this provides
14	analyst; myself, Jacqui Glynn, who's the	14	us with the unique opportunity to pass on to
15	legal counsel; Mr. Jim Oxford, one of our	15	government comments on a whole bunch of
16	commissioners; Darlene Whelan, chair of the	16	issues. So, feel free to discuss anything.
17	Board; and Dwanda Newman, who's the vice	17	If we go too far off the record, we'll bring
18	chair of the Board. So, the purpose for the	18	you back in.
19	meetings is to provide the taxi operators an	19	MS. QUIGLEY:
20	opportunity come in and speak to the	20	A. Okay. Sounds like a plan.
21	Commissionaires about the issues they are	21	MS. GLYNN:
22	facing in relation to their insurance rates	22	Q. With that being said, I ask that you
23	and also, just the industry as a whole. The	23	introduce yourself and who you represent and
24	Board has been asked to audit taxi claims to	24	then, the floor is all yours.
25	determine the cause of the four (phonetic)	25	MS. QUIGLEY:
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1	claims experience, including the details	1	A. My name is Krista Quigley, I am representing
2	regarding the underlying causes of loss and	2	Star Taxi in Corner Brook -
3	the high claims cost that are being	3	MR. EDMONDS:
4	occurred. And then, our job is to provide	4	A. And I'm Todd Edmonds from Star Taxi in
5	recommendations to reduce these claim costs	5	Corner Brook.
6	and to reduce the rates for the taxi	6	CHAIR:
7	industry. So, Cameron and Associates has	7	Q. Can youyou're going to have to speak a
8	prepared a report, which I believe was	8	little louder so the -
9	circulated to you and there's a copy on the	9	MR. EDMONDS:
10	table.	10	A. Okay, sorry. Got my kitty voice on.
11	MS. QUIGLEY:	11	CHAIR:
12	A. I have mine here too.	12	Q. The floor is yours. Whatever you -
13	MS. GLYNN:	13	MS. QUIGLEY:
14	Q. Perfect. So, they've identified possible	14	A. Well, to start off, I guess, the biggest
15	areas that could be contributing to the	15	issue that I have with this industry is we
16	claims experience, but again, we wanted to	16	are paying enormous amounts of money to
17	hear it directly from the taxi operators.	17	insurance companies for things that we're
18	So, the purpose of today's meeting is just	18	not getting. If there's an accident that's
19	to discuss the taxi issues, but we also will	19	occurring, nobody investigates these
20	be reporting on other issues, and if you	20	accidents. They're notthey're justwe
21	feel like you want to comment on those,	21	were told that it's easier and cheaper for
22	please feel free. Please note also, that	22	them to just pay out the accident then do
23	there will be an opportunity for you to come	23	any investigating. So, they don't even
24	back again when we have the public	24	there's nothing done about it.
	presentations to the Board. We're hoping to	25	CHAIR:
25	Dieschanons to the board we re nobing to t	Z. 1	

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1	Q. Told by the insurance company?	1	CHAIR:	
2	MS. QUIGLEY:	2	Q.	Under fleet policies?
3	A. Yeah, we were told by the insurance comp	any 3	MR. EDMON	
4	at one of the accidents that we had, the	4	A.	Yes.
5	first year we had the company. And we w	ere 5	CHAIR:	
6	told then that it was cheaper for them to	6	Q.	Okay. We're seeing a lot of different
7	just pay it out then to do anything about	7		business models. You know, we've seen a lot
8	it. And to me, that's not fair, because if	8		of brokers, a lot of different kinds of
9	I'm not at fault, why should I pay for			things. Okay, so that helps me understand
10	something that I did not do, right? That's	10		some of the comments. Good, thank you.
11	one of our biggest concerns with all of	11	MS. QUIGLE	
12	this. The rates have gone up in the last	12	A.	It's a difficult business to be involved in
13	four or five years, our rates have gone up	13	Λ.	as of right now. We've done a lot over the
1				<u> </u>
14	about 140 percent, and it's unsustainable.	14		last few years to try and better things, you
15	We've had independent drivers on our tax			know. Weall of our drivers, before we
16	stand, 11 of them when we started and we			hire our drivers, all of them have to have a
17	down to one, because the rates are so high	17		clean abstract. That comes before anything.
18	and it's so absorbent that they can't make	18		They go and get a Driving Abstract and it
19	any money to sustain their living.	19		goes through our insurance company before
20	So, basically, they're beingthese			they're even hired on. If your insurance
21	gentlemen, these are people that have been			company says no, we don't hire them. As
22	in this industry for years, for decades and	22		simple as that.
23	like they've indicated to us, they feel like	23	COMMISSIO	NER OXFORD:
24	they're being forced out and I don't think	24	Q.	Do you get ask if you can get a Certificate
25	that's fair to anybody who's been in this	25		of Conduct as well?
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1		have that done as well before they're hired	1	anything. Like, if someone gets hurt on
2		on. And I think it's a wonderful thing. I	2	Workers' Comp or something, our governmen
3		think it's very positive, and it's an	3	got someone there to watch. There's people
4		industry that has a lot of respect that you	4	getting hurt in taxi accidents and they're
5		can do that, you know, and feel comfortable	5	out cutting wood, riding snowmobiles and
6		doing that. I think that's a good thing, I	6	nobody is watching any of that there. They
7		really do.	7	don't even do an investigation, you just
8	CHAIR:	really do.	8	• • • •
1		Amy other a clean shotmat Contificate of		write up a cheque.
9	Q.	Any othera clean abstract, Certificate of	9	MS. QUIGLEY:
10		Conduct. You were going through a list that	10	A. Just writes them a cheque and signs it over.
11	MC OTHER	you're, orwe didn't cut you off, did we?	11	It's the easiest money.
12	MS. QUIGLE		12	MR. EDMONDS:
13	A.	No, no, you never cut me off. Basically, my	13	A. That's what we're told, you know.
14		biggest thing about all of this is these	14	MS. QUIGLEY:
15		accident things.	15	A. We have no say. We have no say in where ou
16	COMMISSIO	NER OXFORD:	16	moneylike, we're paying out all this money
17	Q.	Is the what?	17	and we have absolutely no rights to what's
18	MS. QUIGLE		18	happening. We have nothing to say aboutif
19	A.	Is the accidents and beingwe're being	19	we have an accident, any payouts, we don't
20		charged on a what-you-do basis, not how-you-	20	know anything about it until it's done.
21		do basis, and that to me is not fair. If	21	They tell us nothing.
22		I've been driving for 30 years and haven't	22	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:
23		had an accident or a traffic ticket or a	23	Q. Other than giving your statement and that's
24		speeding violation, why should I be	24	it?
25		penalized in the same bracket as somebody	25	MS. QUIGLEY:
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1		who has had driving impairments or, you	1	A. Yeah, that's it. We don't know until a year
2		know, speeding tickets or five accidents.		or two or three down the road when the claim
3		I'm being lumped into the same category as	2 3	is settled.
4		those guys and it's not fair. You know, I	4	MR. EDMONDS:
5		don't think it's fair that they do that.	5	A. We get a letter in the mail.
6	MR. EDMO	•	6	MS. QUIGLEY:
7	A.	With regarding the fleet insurance that we	7	A. We get a letter in the mail saying you paid
1 '	A.	the policy we have, if one vehicle has an	8	this person \$30,000, or \$20,000, or whatever
8		accident, all the other vehicles is		± 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
9		*	9	the case may be. That's just an example.
10		penalized and all the other vehicle, their	10	MR. EDMONDS:
11	CHAID	price increases.	11	A. And in saying that, like in the last four
12	CHAIR:	01 1	12	years, out of all the cars we got, we were
13	Q.	Oh, okay.	13	dinged for one accident and it's not
14	MS. QUIGL		14	something that just happened in February.
15	A.	It doesn't just go up on the one vehicle	15	But the rates still increases. It goes up
16		that's had the accident. The 26 or 30 cars	16	every year. There's no control over it.
17		all get jacked up.	17	Something is -
18	COMMISSIO	ONER OXFORD:	18	MS. QUIGLEY:
19	Q.	Yes, that's right, in the fleet policy?	19	A. What I don't understand is how, all of a
20	MS. QUIGL	EY:	20	sudden, in the last five years the insurance
		T 01 . 11 1	21	industry has become a problem. Like what
21	A.	In a fleet policy, yeah.		madstry has become a problem. Like what
21 22			22	happened 20 years ago? What happened 10
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22	A. MR. EDMO	NDS:	22	happened 20 years ago? What happened 10
22 23	A. MR. EDMO	NDS: And like, say if our insurance company is	22 23	happened 20 years ago? What happened 10 years ago? How come none of this was picked

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1	sudden, we're getting hit every six months	1	jobs, you know, and this is a business that
2	with a 20 percent increase, or a 25 percent	2	shouldn't be this way, you know. Ninety
3	increase? You know, I mean, it's notit	3	percent of anything that's happening is the
4	doesn't make sense to me.	4	fact thatif you look at the money that
5	CHAIR:	5	they're paying out, for example, if it's 17
6	Q. How much of your business costs now are	6	to 20 million dollars in a year that they're
7	taken up with the insurance costs?	7	paying out, or in a two-year period, if they
8	MS. QUIGLEY:	8	took a percentage of that and hired
9	A. It's pathetic.	9	investigators and said, okay, well, John Doe
10	CHAIR:	10	down the road had an accident and he's
11	Q. Okay.	11	claiming personal injury, but yet this man
12	MR. QUIGLEY:	12	is out on his skidoo three times a week, or
13	A. It really is.	13	riding quads four times a week, or cutting
14	CHAIR:	14	two cords of wood every second week, then
15	Q. Is it one of your highest expenses now?	15	they would know that John Doe is not hurt,
16	MS. QUIGLEY:	16	and John Doe is just looking for an easy
17	A. It's the highest.	17	payout, you know. And if you're paying
18	CHAIR:	18	someone \$50,000 a year to do that, it's not
19	Q. It is the highest?	19	going to be 20 million. It's not going to
20	MS. QUIGLEY:	20	be anywhere near that 20-million-dollar
21	A. The highest.	21	mark. So, that's something that they can
22	CHAIR:	22	consider to save them the 20 million dollars
23	Q. Okay.	23	that they're paying out, but they're saying
24	MS. QUIGLEY:	24	that they're not getting the money from what
25	A. It's the highest expense that we have in	25	we're doing, right.
25		23	
1	Page 14 this business and it's going to eliminate a	1	Page 16 COMMISSIONER OXFORD:
	lot of industry. There's a gentleman,	2	
$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$	there's one cab company out in Port au	$\frac{2}{3}$	Q. So what I'm hearing from you folks is that the investigation part of the accident
4	Basques that just sold, and I think that	4	itself, if there were any accidents that
5	there was three or four people looking at it	5	•
$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	1 1	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	happened, is tantamount to see them reduce the cost overall in the industry?
1	and as soon as they saw the insurance, they backed away from it, because they don't want		
7	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		MS. QUIGLEY:
8	to have that bill. It's the highest bill.	8	A. Yes. MR. EDMONDS:
9	MR. EDMONDS:	9	
10	A. It's getting to a point that it's probably	10	A. Yes. COMMISSIONER OXFORD:
11	not even going to be feasible to stay at it.	11	
12	CHAIR:	12	Q. Am I correct? MR. EDMONDS:
13	Q. Is that right?	13	
14	MS. QUIGLEY:	14	A. Yes.
15	A. Oh, yeah.	15	MS. QUIGLEY:
16	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	16	A. Yes, you are, yeah. That's the number one
17	Q. You see it as a real threat to you to	17	thing on my list, because it's when you look
18	Survive.	18	at it and see different avenues forI mean,
19	MR. EDMONDS:	19	I can give you a dozen examples, but I mean,
20	A. Yeah, you're putting a lot of time and hard	20	when somebody does something that's wrong,
21	work into something that there's nothing in	21	they should be held accountable for that,
22	return. Pretty much that's what we're	22	you know, but if I'm not doing anything
23	seeing today.	23	wrong, why should I be held accountable for
24	MS. QUIGLEY:	24	something that I did not do? So if it's
25	A. A threat, it'sand we work hard at our	25	feasible for a taxi to have a dash cam in

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1		their car, that's hard wired in, that cannot	1	CHAIR:	
2		be tampered with by either driver or	2	Q.	Yeah, Star Taxi has been around for a long
3		anybodythey can say, "yes, we can put it	3		time, hasn't it?
4		in your cars", but they won't reduce our	4	MS. QUIGLI	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
5		rates because we have them there. They	5	A.	Yeah, 1946.
6		won't give us a discount or a reduced rate	6	CHAIR:	,
7		because you have these in your vehicles,	7	Q.	Yeah.
8		that can prove that this person ran the stop	8	MS. QUIGLI	
9		sign, or this person crossed over your lane,	9	A.	It even says. But to say that, yes, it's
10		they still won't give us any credit for	10	11.	been around for a long time, but we feel
11		that.	11		that this is something that we are going to
12	CHAIR:	tilut.	12		be pushed out of, because we don't have the-
13	Q.	Do you deal with an insurance broker in	13		-the means is not there to support going
14	Q.	Corner Brook?	14		forward. I mean, you can't survive like
15	MS. QUIGLE		15		that.
16	A.	Yes, we do.	16	CHAIR:	tilat.
17	CHAIR:	res, we do.	17		Your licencing, does the City -
18		Do you have the opportunity to talk to your	18	Q. MR. EDMO	
1	Q.	, , , , ,	19	A.	Yes.
19		broker about things that you could do to		CHAIR:	1 CS.
20	MC OHICH	reduce your -	20		The City days were took
21	MS. QUIGLE		21	Q.	The City does your taxi -
22	A.	We haven't as of yet.	22	MR. EDMO	
23	CHAIR:	N 0	23	A.	Yes.
24	Q.	No?	24	MS. QUIGLI	
25	MS. QUIGLE		25	Α.	Yes, they do.
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1	A.	We haven't as of yet, no.	1	CHAIR:	
2	CHAIR:		2	Q.	The taxi licencing, which I guess is the
3	Q.	And that opportunity is not made available	3		same in most municipalities. So, do you
4		to you?	4		have to renew, do you renew all of your cars
5	MS. QUIGLE		5		at once?
6	A.	Well, we just haven't had the opportunity to	6	MR. EDMO	
7		do that yet.	7	A.	Yes, we renew them every April. At the end
8	CHAIR:		8		of every April and in October -
9	Q.	Sure.	9	MS. QUIGLI	EY:
10	MS. QUIGLE	EY:	10	A.	There's an inspection.
11	A.	We've only been with this company, what, a	11	MR. EDMO	NDS:
12		year?	12	A.	They does an inspection the second time.
13	CHAIR:		13	CHAIR:	- -
14	Q.	Okay.	14	Q.	Okay, and what does that inspection entail?
15	MR. EDMON	NDS:	15		Is it a physical inspection, or -
16	A.	A little over a year.	16	MR. EDMO	NDS:
17	MS. QUIGLE	•	17	A.	No, it'sthe written inspection would be
18	A.	This is our second year.	18	•	done in April and in October is just a
19	MR. EDMON		19		visual one. They check the lights and -
20	A.	Yeah.	20	COMMISSIO	ONER OXFORD:
21	MR. QUIGLE		21	Q.	That's done by the inspectors in Corner
22	A.	And we work really hard to try and keep the	22	ζ.	Brook?
23	. 1.	business going, and he's gone a lot. You	23	CHAIR:	2.001.
24		know, he's gone a lot of the times because	24	Q.	Okay.
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25		he's trying to make this work.	25	MR. EDMO	NDS.

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1	Q. You guys weredid have these inspections?	1	MR. EDMONDS:
2	MR. EDMONDS:	2	A. Yes.
3	A. Yes, we did, yeah.	3	MS. QUIGLEY:
4	MS. QUIGLEY:	4	A. Oh, yeah, well, I'd say about 90 percent of
5	A. Oh, yes, yeah. They escorted us.	5	out clientele are senior citizens and some
1	MR. EDMONDS:	l .	
6		6	of them that haven't gotten out for years,
7	A. They were doing it for two weeks, I think,	7	you know, and -
8	in Corner Brook.	8	CHAIR:
9	CHAIR:	9	Q. That's really something.
10	Q. Okay.	10	MS. QUIGLEY:
11	MR. EDMONDS:	11	A. It does your heart good.
12	A. They escorted our vehicles back to the RNC	12	MR. EDMONDS:
13	and they had two mechanics there that done	13	A. Yeah, they enjoy it. They really enjoy that
14	an annual inspection.	14	they can get out and do things, you know.
15	CHAIR:	15	CHAIR:
16	Q. Okay.	16	Q. Yeah, so you have two?
17	MS. QUIGLEY:	17	MR. EDMONDS:
18	A. And there was nothing wrong.	18	A. Yes.
1	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	ı	
19		19	MS. QUIGLEY:
20	Q. And you didn't get anything impounded?	20	A. We just got our second one.
21	MR. EDMONDS:	21	MR. EDMONDS:
22	A. Nothing impounded.	22	A. We just obtained the second one now. Just
23	MS. QUIGLEY:	23	getting it ready and we should have it ready
24	A. They didn't impound it, we didn't have to	24	by late next week.
25	tow anything away.	25	CHAIR:
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1	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	1	Q. That's an expensive undertaking as well, I
2	Q. Wonderful, glad to hear.	2	guess?
3	MS. QUIGLEY:	3	MS. QUIGLEY:
4	A. Yeah, we were very pleased. I got to say,	4	A. Oh, it is, yeah.
5	we were very happy over that, but I mean, I	5	MR. EDMONDS:
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0	think those things are good. I think those	0	
/ /	things are positive, and you got to try and	/	MS. QUIGLEY:
8	find something positive in all of this,	8	A. And we've been very fortunate, because like
9	because it is, it can be very intimidating	9	I said, the Government has assisted us in
10	and it can be very frustrating. But again,	10	some ways with that, and that's a very
11	you got to find the positive in there.	11	positive thing and it's good to know that's
12	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	12	what they have, and it's good to be able to
13	Q. Absolutely.	13	put that out there.
14	MS. QUIGLEY:	14	CHAIR:
15	A. You know, I think that's important. We also	15	Q. Oh, yeah, for sure.
1	, <u> </u>	16	MS. QUIGLEY:
16	have, we've also been fortunate enough over	10	
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17 18	the last two years to obtain two accessible vehicles.	17 18	A. You know, that they have helped us with this, and it's such a high demand in our
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1	Q.	Do your drivers for those vehicles, are	1	Q. Oh, absolutely.	
2		theydo they have different training? Do	2	MS. QUIGLEY:	
3		they have to be -	3	A. Because the good stuff don't get out the	ere
4	MS. QUIGL	EY:	4	enough.	
5	A.	Yes, yeah, we were very lucky, I guess.	5	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	
6	MR. EDMON		6	Q. Absolutely.	
7	A.	Yeah, we get a lot of good response from our	7	MS. QUIGLEY:	
8		driver (inaudible).	8	A. We hear a lot of complaints. A lot, but	
9	MS. QUIGLE		9	when you hear the good things it's nice	
10	A.	I don't know if you heard of the 12 months	10	know too that there's people out there the	
11		of paying it forward? There's athey have	11	respect what you're doing.	
12		that in Corner Brook.	12	CHAIR:	
13	CHAIR:		13	Q. So when we're writing our report to	
14	Q.	Oh, yes, yeah.	14	Government, I guess we're going to be	
15	MS. QUIGLE		15	looking at setting out the issues that we	
16	A.	Well, January was our month, because the	16	hear about. We're going to be examining	
17		gentleman who drives our accessible vehicle	17	what some possible options might be th	
18		out in Corner Brook was the first recipient	18	be able to put forward, and we also are	
19		of that.	19	to put forward, perhaps what might pres	
20	CHAIR:	0.1 1.1.11.11	20	opportunities for some solutions or som	
21	Q.	Oh, wow.	21	things that might address some of your	
22	MS. QUIGLE		22	concerns. So, do you have anything	
23	A.	So I was very proud of that. I mean, he was	23	specifically you'd like us to convey? I'	ve
24		some happy.	24	got your investigation fees?	
25	CHAIR:		25	MS. QUIGLEY:	
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1	Q.	Yeah, I dare say.	1	A. That is the major thing for me.	8002
2	MS. QUIGLE		2	CHAIR:	
3	A.	He was very proud of himself. I'm glad for	3	Q. Yeah?	
4		him. It's nice to see respectful people.	4	MS. QUIGLEY:	
5	COMMISSIO	ONER OXFORD:	5	A. That is the major thing for me. When y	O11
6	Q.	These are the kind of things we never hear	6	have people doing things like that, like i	
7	٧.	about.	7	said, anybody that does something that'	
8	CHAIR:		8	wrong, the biggest issue we have with o	
9	Q.	Yeah, that's right.	9	society today is that there's no	, (41
10		ONER OXFORD:	10	consequences to the actions, and I think	-
11	Q.	It's nice to be able to sit here and listen	11	that is so important to be able to put tha	
12	٧.	to some of these things.	12	forward. That's the strongest thing that	
13	MS. QUIGLE		13	got going, because it boils me to no extr	
14	A.	Yeah, you know, when you look at me, and	14	to know that someone can look at you a	
15	11.	we're not social media frenzies or anything	15	say, "you backed out of my driveway, I	
16		like that, but he was on, it was on Facebook	16	backed out of your driveway, and we hi	
17		there for about a week, I guess, how this	17	we touched and there's that big of mark	,
18		gentleman was so kind and caring to the lady	18	my car, now I want \$10,000". You kno	
19		that he was putting aboard the wheelchair	19	that's not fair. You know, "or I'll claim	
20		accessible vehicle in Corner Brook and the	20	personal injury".	•
21		owners of Star Taxi should be very proud,	21	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	
22		and I was like, "that's us". I was so	22	Q. So, how you feel about the discussions	
23		pleased, I was so proud to hear that, and	23	that's ongoing about the cap?	
24		it's good to hear the good stuff.	24	MR. EDMONDS:	
25	CHAIR:	a b book to hear the book bittle.	25	A. I think that should be -	
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1	MS. QUIGLEY:	1	know, whatever you do can help it, I		
2	Q. The cap is a major thing.	2	suppose, but you takeI got 25 cars and we		
3	MR. EDMONDS:	3	had one accident in four years. So, you		
4	A. I don't know if it'll bring the price of the	4	can't reduce it much lower than that.		
5	insurance down, but it would stop a lot of	5	CHAIR:		
6	the problems that we're having.	6			
7	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	7	Q. No, that's right. COMMISSIONER OXFORD:		
8	Q. Yeah, that's a definite, yes.	8	Q. No.		
9	MS. QUIGLEY:	9	CHAIR:		
10	A. A lot of things that we've discussed over	10	Q. You'll have no where to go.		
11	the last couple of years with the other	11	MS. QUIGLEY:		
12	people in the industry, I guess, is it's	12	A. We're at the bottom now.		
13	very important, because it's easy money for	13	MR. EDMONDS:		
14	people and that's the biggest problem that	14	A. That's a pretty good record.		
15	they got, you know, it's just easy, it's	15	MS. QUIGLEY:		
16	just such an easy fix, you know, and to cap	16	A. Well, there are things that have been		
17	off the soft tissue injury, you know. I	17	discussed. I mean, mandating winter tires,		
18	have no issue with anybody that gets hurt in	18	you know. Mandatory winter tires on a		
19	a motor vehicle accident that if they're	19	vehicle. All vehicles, not just taxis.		
20	hurt and they'reit's actual fact -	20	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:		
21	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	21	A. Yes.		
22	Q. (unintelligible)caps.	22	MR. EDMONDS:		
23	Ms. QUIGLEY:	23	A. But the taxis got them is the -		
24	A. Then yes, by all means, you know, but people	24	MS. QUIGLEY:		
25	that are just taking you for a ride, pardon	25	A. Well, I wouldn't put a car on the road in		
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1	the pun, but seriously, when you feel that	1	Corner Brook without a winter tire on it.		
2	way about it, it's hard. It's hard when	2	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:		
3	someone looks at you and says, "no, I'm not	3	Q. Especially in Corner Brook.		
4	hurt. I'm not hurt, that's okay". And then	4	MR. EDMONDS:		
5	two weeks down the road they're saying,	5	A. Yeah.		
6	"what did I do"? I got a year, why should	6	CHAIR:		
7	that person have one year to file a claim	7	Q. Do you have studs as well?		
8	against me when they're not hurt. You know,	8	MS. QUIGLEY:		
9	why is it such a long period of time for	9	A. Yeah, I buy them by the pound.		
10	someone to have that right, to be able to go	10	CHAIR:		
11	home and sit down with a boyfriend or a	11			
12	girlfriend or a spouse or parent and say,	12	Q. Yeah. MS. QUIGLEY:		
13	"that was a \$20,000 bill you just threw	13	A. But no, in all seriousness, it is something		
14	away". And that's what's happening. That's	14	that needs to be done, because if there's a		
15	exactly what's happening.	15	vehicle that's out there that doesn't have		
16	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	16	winter tires on and they're driving, they're		
17	Q. Do you have any thought to how the industry	17	not slowing down. Let's face it, they're		
18	itself might be able to lessen the number of	18	not slowing down.		
19	accidents that's on the road? You know,	19	MR. EDMONDS:		
20	taxi drivers, you know, it has got a fairly	20	A. There's still a lot of vehicles on the road		
21	high rate of accidents. Have you, yourself,	21	that don't get their winter tires.		
22	given any thought to how these could be	22	CHAIR:		
23	reduced?	23	Q. Yeah.		
		2.4			
24 25	MR. EDMONDS: A. Yeah, well, you can put in dash cams or, you	24 25	MS. QUIGLEY: A. And for some reason, we are always at fault.		

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1		You know, and that's not fair.	1	A.	We just lucked out really good, I got to be
2	CHAIR:		2		honest with you. We got a really good crew.
3	Q.	So, I'm impressed by your one accident in	3	CHAIR:	
4		four years. So, you know, what would you	4	Q.	And you have long term drivers? You don't
5		attribute your excellent safety record?	5	ζ.	have, you know, much turnover?
6	MS. QUIGLE		6	MR. EDMON	
7	A.	We've got really good drivers.	7	A.	Yes.
8	CHAIR:	we ve got really good drivers.	8	MS. QUIGLE	
9	Q.	So, it's your drivers?	9	A.	Yeah.
10	MS. QUIGLE		10	CHAIR:	i can.
11	A.	We do.	11		That was my sansa
12	MR. EDMON		12	Q.	That was my sense.
1				MS. QUIGLE	
13	A.	Maybe it's the Drivers Abstract we require.	13	A.	Well, there's one gentleman there over 30
14	CHAIR:	77 2 1 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	14	MD EDMON	years, isn't it?
15	Q.	You're just taking care in the hiring of	15	MR. EDMON	
16	MG OTHER	your drivers in the first instance?	16	A.	Yeah.
17	MS. QUIGLE		17	MS. QUIGLE	
18	A.	Yeah.	18	A.	And never had an accident.
19	MR. EDMON		19	MR. EDMON	
20	A.	Yes.	20	A.	We treat them with respect and we talk to
21	MS. QUIGLE		21		them everyday and if they goes for a drive,
22	A.	They're very respectful people, I got to	22		we tell them to be careful and stuff.
23		give our crew credit.	23	MS. QUIGLE	EY:
24	CHAIR:		24	A.	And they call -
25	Q.	Do they do any special training, or do -	25	COMMISSIO	NER OXFORD:
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1	MS. QUIGLE	Y·	1	0	You have a real relationship with your
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2	A.	They haven't, no.	2	Q.	drivers?
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1	Q. That's right, absolutely.	1	is on the East Coast. Even driving
2	MR. EDMONDS:	2	ourselves here.
3	A. So we bes reasonable and we bes fair and	3	CHAIR:
4	stuff.	4	Q. You noticed a difference?
		5	MR. EDMONDS:
5	MS. QUIGLEY:		
6	A. We bes respectful. It's respect.	6	A. And the texting and the phones and -
7	MR. EDMONDS:	7	CHAIR:
8	A. It seemed to work well in our area.	8	Q. Oh, it's crazy.
9	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	9	MR. EDMONDS:
10	Q. That would work well anywhere.	10	A. It is a bit fast in here.
11	MR. EDMONDS:	11	MS. QUIGLEY:
12	A. Yeah, you're right.	12	A. And you have to drive like them or
13	CHAIR:	13	(unintelligible).
14	Q. Absolutely.	14	CHAIR:
15	MS. QUIGLEY:	15	Q. You'd get left behind.
16	A. Well, when you show a little bit of respect,	16	MS. QUIGLEY:
17	you get a little respect back.	17	A. Oh, no, they'd just run you over.
18	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	18	MR. EDMONDS:
19	Q. Absolutely.	19	A. We gets the finger and -
20	MR. EDMONDS:	20	MS. QUIGLEY:
21	Q. And if they go on long rides, we'll call	21	A. They curse on me all the time when I'm
22	them throughout the night and see where	22	driving out here, because I don't care. I
23	they're to and see how they're making out	23	just stay at what I'm doing and if you want
	and stuff.		
24		24	to pass me, pass me.
25	MS. QUIGLEY:	25	CHAIR:
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1	A. And they always call us when they get back.	1	Q. That's what you have to do, let them go.
2	MR. EDMONDS:	2	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:
3	A. Yeah, they're all very respectful.	3	Q. Yeah.
4	MS. QUIGLEY:	4	MS. QUIGLEY:
5	A. No matter what time of day or night it is.	5	A. If you want to go, go.
6	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	6	MS. GLYNN:
7	Q. So you got a good reporting system then as	7	Q. Did I pass you this morning?
8	part of your overall plan?	8	MS. QUIGLEY:
9	MR. EDMONDS:	9	A. Probably.
10	A. Yes, and it seems to be working well.	10	MR. EDMONDS:
11	MS. QUIGLEY:	11	A. You might have.
12	A. Yeah.	12	MS. QUIGLEY:
13	VICE-CHAIR:	13	A. I've been driving all day, so it might have
14	Q. So, it seems to me that it may be a little	14	been me, but it is, it's a different
15	different in Corner Brook maybe in the	15	atmosphere altogether, it really is.
1			There's a bigger population base out here.
16	industry than it is in St. John's. Is that	16	
17	ado you think it's maybe a bit of a	17	You know, I mean it's not, there's a lot of
18	different -	18	vehicles here.
19	CHAIR:	19	MR. EDMONDS:
20	Q. It's a different atmosphere.	20	A. Yeah, we're not facing the same things that
21	VICE-CHAIR:	21	they're facing here in the East Coast at
22	Q. It's a little bit of a different atmosphere.	22	all.
23	MR. EDMONDS:	23	MS. QUIGLEY:
24	A. There's not so many vehicles and it's	24	A. But the rate, the rate increases that we've
25	totally different on the West Coast than it	25	sustained since we bought this company has

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1		expedientlywhat's the word I'm looking	1	MR. EDMONDS:	
2		for? Has damaged us so dramatically, you	2	A. Over.	
3		know, it hurts my heart.	3	MS. QUIGLEY:	
4	CHAIR:	•	4	A. Over \$100,000.	
5	Q.	When did you buy it?	5	CHAIR:	
6	MS. QUÌGLI		6	Q. Over \$100,000, okay.	
7	A.	2011.	7	MS. QUIGLEY:	
8	CHAIR:		8	A. And that's no accidents in four years.	
9	Q.	Oh, wow, just before the first -	9	Lucky us.	
10	MR. EDMON		10	CHAIR:	
11	A.	(unintelligible).	11	Q. What if you have an accident?	
12	MS. QUIGLI		12	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	
13	A.	2012 we got hit with our first increase.	13	Q. Yeah, that's a big overhead to start the	
14	CHAIR:	C	14	year up.	
15	Q.	Wow, so for you, I guess, it's really there	15	MR. EDMONDS:	
16		for you. I mean, it's -	16	A. But then it goes up, on every car, not just	t
17	MS. QUIGLI		17	one.	
18	A.	Well, I mean, this was -	18	MS. QUIGLEY:	
19	CHAIR:	,	19	A. Yeah, but what happened with this accide	ent
20	Q.	So the business model that you were looking	20	in February, weI'll explain a little bit	
21		at when you bought the company didn't turn	21	about it. We asked this girl for three	
22		out to be what you -	22	weeks, "everything is okay, we're going	to
23	MR. EDMON		23	fix your car"? "Yeah, you fix my car,	
24	A.	I was in the industry for a long time. Like	24	everything is fine".	
25		I've been in this industry since the early	25	CHAIR:	
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1		'90s, and I knew how it all worked and stuff	1	Q. You didn't want to go through insurance.	
2		like that there, and I thought of it a, you	2	MS. QUIGLEY:	
3		know, good opportunities.	3	A. I didn't want towe didn't want to do that,	
4	CHAIR:	, 8	4	because it's not something that you want to	
5	Q.	Yeah.	5	do. So, she said, "yeah, you fix my car,	
6	MR. EDMON		6	I'm fine. I'm fine, I'm not hurt". So, we	
7	A.	But I was fooled.	7	ordered the part, the bumper, the back	
8	MS. QUIGLE		8	bumper for her car and when it came in three	e
9	A.	But in all honesty, we bought this with the	9	weeks later, my husband went and picked u	
10		intentions of ten years and we'll retire and	10	the car, brought it down and got it fixed,	Г
11		hopefully, that when we're ready to retire,	11	brought the car back to her. A week later I	
12		things will be as it is now. But as it	12	got a call from the lawyer. She's claiming	
13		looks right now, there's not going to be	13	personal injury. And when we picked up th	ie
14		anything left to sell or to pass down or to	14	car, "everybody is okay"? "Yeah, everybod	
15		put forward.	15	is fine". When we dropped the car back,	ر
16	MR. EDMON	1	16	"Yeah, everybody is fine". So now, that	
17	A.	If it keeps going the way it's going.	17	young lady had a year, this is a thorn in my	
18	MS. QUIGLE		18	side. They have a year. From the date of	
19	A.	To anybody. Nobody is going to want to look	19	the accident, they have a full year to claim	
20	-	at this in ten years, or in five years. You	20	whatever. That is so wrong, you know, and	i
21		know, are you going to buy a company that's	21	if you keep telling someone that you're oka	
22		going to nail you with \$100,000 insurance	22	and then we're thinking, well, everything is	•
23		bill every year? No.	23	fine. So now, this claim hit our insurance	
24	CHAIR:		24	company the day before my renewal. The c	lay
25	Q.	Is that what your bill is, \$100,000?	25	before my renewal.	J
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1	MR. EDMONDS:	1	out how to tax gas, they can figure out how
2	A. That's when she got the letter.	2	to tax restaurants, with regards to going in
3	MS. QUIGLEY:	3	and sitting down and eating, but they can't
4	A. Yeah, the day before my renewal, and I think	4	figure out how to tax junk food. You know,
5	it was two days before the budget came down.	5	I mean, but they can tax an insurance
6	CHAIR:	6	industry, they can tax whatever they want,
7	Q. And what difference did it make to your	7	but onelike, I mean, I don't understand
8	premium?	8	that. Like I don't understand the concepts
9	MR. EDMONDS:	9	of all that, right.
10		10	CHAIR:
l	A. It went up.		
11	MS. QUIGLEY:	11	Q. So, your insurance costs are higher than
12	A. It went up.	12	your fuel costs? Than yourlike any of
13	CHAIR:	13	your other costs?
14	Q. By?	14	MR. EDMONDS:
15	MS. QUIGLEY:	15	A. Yes, oh, yes.
16	A. By whatever percentage they calculate.	16	MS. QUIGLEY:
17	MR. EDMONDS:	17	A. That is the number one bill on our list.
18	A. Three percent, I think it was, at that time.	18	Usually around January I start panicking.
19	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	19	CHAIR:
20	Q. How much?	20	Q. And how do you pay your insurance premium?
21	MR. EDMONDS:	21	MS. QUIGLEY:
22	A. Three percent, and not knowing, like I told	22	A. Slowly.
23	them, they don't even know if they're going	23	CHAIR:
24	to do any payout or anything.	24	Q. I'm imagining as much, but -
25	CHAIR:	25	MS. QUIGLEY:
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1	Q. It went up anyway?	1	A. No, well, basically, what we do is come
2	MR. EDMONDS:	2	December, November, you need to -
3	A. Yeah.	3	CHAIR:
4	MS. QUIGLEY:	4	
5	A. Because the claim was on the books.	5	
			installments, or -
6	MR. EDMONDS:	6	MR. EDMONDS:
/	A. Yeah, it went up by three percent.	/	A. Yes, installments.
8	MS. QUIGLEY:	8	MS. QUIGLEY:
9	A. Yeah, that's with adding on to the 18	9	A. Yes.
10	percent that they got. So, it's crazy, and	10	CHAIR.
11	then you got 15 percent taxes on top of	11	Q. Okay.
12	this. You know, the taxes is something	12	MS. QUIGLEY:
13	else. I mean, they should never have put	13	A. Yeah, we do it in installments. I don't
14	the taxes back on the insurance, it's just	14	have \$100,000 just laying around. It's
15	so unfair. You know, they say they can't	15	unfortunate, but that's it. It's hard,
16	take it off. They put it on.	16	because when we bought the company it was
17	CHAIR:	17	less than \$24,000 for the same number, for a
18	Q. It was off.	18	few cars.
19	MR. EDMONDS:	19	CHAIR:
20	A. It was, yeah, for the longest time.	20	Q. So it was a quicker bill in the -
21	MS. QUIGLEY:	21	MS. QUIGLEY:
22	A. Yes, that's what I'm saying. They put it	22	A. Oh, yeah, it's gone up 140 percent
23	on, why can't they take it off. And they	23	(phonetic).
24	can figure outwhat bothers me a lot about		VICE-CHAIR:
25	all of this stuff is that they can figure	25	
43	an of this start is that they can right	43	Q. And do you talk to the other operators in

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1		Corner Brook? Are they all experiencing the	1	MS. QUIGLE	EY:
2		same?	2	A.	Look at it that way. Put it in terms that
3	MR. EDMON	NDS:	3		people can understand you can probably hit a
4	A.	On the other cab stands is most of them have	4		little closer to home, or if someone decided
5		independent drivers.	5		that you're no longer needed.
6	COMMISSIO	ONER OXFROD:	6	CHAIR:	that you ie no longer needed.
7	Q.	Brokers?	7	Q.	You presented to us indid you make -
8	MR. EDMON		8	MS. QUIGLE	
9	A.	Yeah, brokers, but I think some of them	9	A.	Yes.
10	Λ.	might have two or three cars or something	10	CHAIR:	1 63.
11		like that there.	11	Q.	Vou did didn't you was right wooh
12	MS. QUIGLI		12	MS. QUIGLE	You did, didn't you, yes, right, yeah.
1	•		13	-	
13	A.	We're the only cab company in Corner Brook		A.	He didn't want to do that.
14		that owns the majority of the cars on the	14	MR. EDMON	
15		taxi stand. If that's what you're referring	15	A.	I'm not good at this.
16	CII I ID	to.	16	CHAIR:	
17	CHAIR:		17	Q.	I remembered that you didn't want to do
18	Q.	So, changing your business model is not	18		that.
19		something that you'd belike, you wouldn't	19	MS. GLYNN	
20		move from owning the cars to moving to	20	Q.	You did a fine job.
21		independent drivers?	21	CHAIR:	
22	MR. EDMON	NDS:	22	Q.	Absolutely.
23	A.	We would, but the people are just not	23	MS. GLYNN	:
24		interested.	24	Q.	I do remember having to encourage you.
25	CHAIR:		25	MR. EDMON	NDS:
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1	Q.	Yeah, well, some of them has to -	1	A.	I don't speak very well.
2	MS. QUIGL		2	CHAIR:	a train a specime very mean
3	A.	When you have to pay out 6 or \$7,000 a year	3	Q.	It just registered with me that that was
4		for insurance before you eat, and you	4	ζ.	you.
5		haven't got gas in your car, you haven't got	5	MR. EDMO	
6		repairs on your car, you haven't eaten yet,	6	A.	Yeah.
7		you haven't lived -	7	MR. OAKE:	
8	MR. EDMO	•	8	Q.	You got through it.
9	A.	If they haven't got some other income, it's	9	MS. QUIGL	
10	Λ.	just not feasible right now.	10	A.	He did, yeah, he did a great job, actually.
1	MS. QUIGL	ž –	11	CHAIR:	The did, years, he did a great job, actually.
11					Did he do it at your anagyre coment?
12	A.	And they really feel like they're being	12	Q.	Did he do it at your encouragement?
13		pushed out of their industry, because	13	MS. GLYNN	
14		they've worked at it for, like I said, for	14	Q.	It took five of us.
15		decades. You know, and I've reiterated that	15	MS. QUIGL	
16		several times with government and with	16	A.	It actually was more insistence.
17		meetings that we're had over the last few	17	MS. GLYNN	
18		years, and the example that's always put	18	Q.	It took a lot of us out in that room.
19		forward that how would you feel is someone	19	MS. QUIGL	
20		came into you and said, "okay, if you're	20	Q.	It was more insisting. "You have to do
21		making \$50,000 a year, I'm going to take	21		this, you have to do this".
22		\$45,000 of that from you now". Can you	22	MS. GLYNN	1:
1		survive?	23	Q.	I certainly don't want to put words in your
23		Sulvivo:		₹.	Total wall of put words in your
23 24	MR. EDMO		24	٧.	mouth, but I sense a lot of frustration and
	MR. EDMOI			ζ.	

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1	accountable for things that we haven't done	1	this hugely increased cost that you've had.		
2	wrong, but also a bit of frustration that	2	MS. QUIGLEY:		
3	even for the things you're doing right,	3	A. I'll let you have that.		
4	you're not getting any benefit for that.	4	MR. EDMONDS:		
5	So, you know, like I said, you have good	5	A. We got a job to get them in the car now. If		
6	drivers, there's nothing you can do to make	6	you puts the increase up, well, the people		
7	your drivers any better, and even if you	7	will start drinking and driving again, and		
8	did, you wouldn't see any benefit from that?	8	you know, that's what's going to happen. If		
9	MR. EDMONDS:	9	they can't afford to get a ride home, that's		
10	A. From what we're doing, we're not getting no	10	what happens.		
11	benefits out of it.	11	MS. QUIGLEY:		
12	MS. QUIGLEY:	12	A. You're going to cut off your nose to spite		
13	A. And we can do all the things that they ask	13	your face.		
14	us to do, we can jump through every hoop and	14	MR. EDMONDS:		
15	we can go over every hurdle and break down	15	A. Seniors is a lot, a big part of our		
16	every wall, and that's basically what it's	16	business. They can just barely afford to		
17	been the last couple of years, because you	17	get a ride now. If you puts it up, they		
18	face these hurdles that come at you, and you	18	won't be able to afford their ride with us.		
19	got a choice. You can go around them, under	19	So, you can't keep putting up the fares to		
20	them or through them. So, you just got to	20	the public to look after our expense, I		
21	pick your poison.	21	guess, you could put it that way.		
22	MS. GLYNN:	22	COMMISSSIONER OXFORD:		
23	Q. And you're still paying the same amount	23	Q. (unintelligible).		
24	insurance?	24	MR. EDMONDS:		
25	MS. QUIGLEY:	25	A. That's right, sir. You hear on the news now		
23		23			
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	A. And you're still doing the same thing.	1	that they're going to the malls because they		
2	You're still -	2	can't afford to turn up their heat and		
3	MR. EDMONDS:	3	stuff. So, and they won't be able to go to		
4	A. I just don't understand how come it all	4	the mall, they'll have to get a sleeping		
5	happened all of a sudden, and then it	5	bag. You know, that's the way it is.		
6	happened twice a year, twice a year. The	6	MS. QUIGLEY:		
7	increases, and like 10 years prior to that,	7	A. It's okay to sit down and think about that,		
8	there was no increases, none at all.	8	but it's a reality for a lot of people.		
9	MS. QUIGLEY:	9	MR. EDMONDS:		
10	A. And that's very frustrating. That is very	10	A. That is a reality, yes.		
11	frustrating. If they had issues with this	11	MS. QUIGLEY:		
12	industry 10 years ago or 20 years ago, they	12	A. You know, and for us to increase our rates,		
13	didn't know how to go around it.	13	everything that happens in life, every		
14	MR. EDMONDS:	14	increase that comes along, it's always		
15	A. I'm thinking that it might have been 10	15	passed down to the public. But this is, the		
16	years, I would say, that we never had no	16	taxi industry is more of a life line for a		
17	increase at all and then all of a sudden,	17	lot of people. You know, they depend on us		
18	it's every second, every second -	18	to, just to go get their groceries, you		
19	MS. QUIGLEY:	19	know, or go to a doctor's appointment. You		
20	A. Every six months.	20	know, and this is probably the only time		
21	MR. EDMONDS:	21	these people get out when you stop and think		
22	A. Yeah, every six months, yeah.	22	about this.		
23	MS. GLYNN:	23	MR. EDMONDS:		
24	Q. What's your sense of whether it's possible	24	A. And in the nighttime, like you're taking the		
25	for you to increase the taxi rates to cover	25	people that's drinking off our streets. The		

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1	police don't have to deal with those people	1	problems that you're facing. I don't have
2	doing stuff. Like, it is a needed industry.	2	any more questions. I don't know if -
3	MS. QUIGLEY:	3	CHAIR:
4	A. Yeah, it certainly is.	4	Q. No, I think your level of frustration and
5	CHAIR:	5	concern and worry, I think has come through
6	Q. Do you have full coverage on your vehicles?	6	loud and clear.
7	MS. QUIGLEY:	7	MS. QUIGLEY:
8	A. Yes, we do.	8	A. I think it's very justified.
9	MR. EDMONDS:	9	CHAIR:
10	A. No.	10	Q. And I think you've justified it, so -
11	MS. QUIGLEY:	11	MS. QUIGLEY:
12	A. Yes, we do.	12	A. For an industry that's been around for
13	MR. EDMONDS:	13	decades, a lot of decades -
14	A. No, we just got public liability.	14	CHAIR:
15	MS. QUIGLEY:	15	Q. Well you company for sure has been around
16	A. Oh, that's what I thought you meant.	16	MS. QUIGLEY:
17	MR. EDMONDS:	17	A. I know, and for the insurance companies to,
18	A. And we got two vehicles with collision on	18	all of a sudden, out of nowhere, decide that
	<u> </u>	19	
19	them, full.		they've got issues and they're paying out too much money because they're not doing
20	MS. QUIGLEY:	20	
21	A. Oh, I thought that's what you meant.	21 22	their jobs, because they're not providing us
22	MR. EDMONDS: A. The two wheelchair accessible vans is full	ı	with the service that we're supposed to be
23		23	getting when we pay our bills. You know, it
24	coverage.	24	you're paying out that kind of money every
25	MS. GLYNN:	25	year, you think if you had one accident,
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	Q. So, you're paying over \$100,000 and it's not	1	you'd think you'd be investigated. You
2	even full?	2	know, and Jane Doe may not get that \$25,00
3	MR. EDMONDS:	3	paycheque.
4	A. No, that's right.	4	MR. EDMONDS:
5	MS. QUIGLEY:	5	A. I'm sure if Workers' Comp don't have an
6	A. Not even full coverage. It's not easy. It's	6	investigation, they would probably end up in
7	not easy, and we got to try and figure out	7	the same position as the taxi industry is in
8	something. We got to try and figure out	8	today.
9	something with the government, with theI	9	MS. QUIGLEY:
10	don't know how much control the Public	10	A. Yeah, it's a difficult, difficult situation
11	Utilities Board has, and I don't know a lot	11	to be in. You know, we've come across the
12	about what it does. I do know that it's	12	Island several times over the last couple of
13	governed, so I know that there's things that	13	years just to listen, just to sit in and
14	we can do to work with government and work		listen to ministers and the other cab
15	with you guys to try and figure out a good	15	companies around town and to hear their
16	way to provide the best service that we can	16	frustration as well, you know, they've got a
17	provide and still manage to make a living	17	lot of good ideas, you now.
18	doing it. You know, and it's fair, which is	18	MR. EDMONDS:
19	fair to everybody, you know, not just the	19	A. And here on the East Coast they are in a
20	insurance companies or the lawyers, you	20	little different situation than we are on
21	know. The lawyers arethey add insult to	21	the West Coast. I mean, due to the traffic
22	injury. Say no to the cap, but it's crazy.	22	and the amount of cars and that that's here,
23	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:	23	I guess, but yeah, they got a lot to deal
24	Q. Certainly, you've given us a good overview	24	with it, as well as we do.
25	on what family business is all about and the	25	CHAIR:
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1	Q.	I think the message certainly has been	1		we usually come out. If we're not -
2	`	similar.	2	MR. EDMON	_
3	MR. EDMON	NDS:	3	A.	If we're not too busy we'll makeor if the
4	A.	Oh, yeah, definitely, yeah.	4		weather is not bad, we'll make that effort
5	CHAIR:	- , ,	5		to, because it's so important.
6	Q.	We heard similar -	6	MS. QUIGLE	· ·
7	MR. EDMON		7	A.	You know, it's our bread and butter, really,
8	A.	It's pretty much the same.	8	11.	when you stop and think about it. They're
9	CHAIR:	to broady inden the banne.	9		taking away something that they shouldn't be
10	Q.	Almost the same messages, actually.	10		taking away and it's not justified. You
11	MR. EDMON		11		know, in my thoughts, and that's just my
12	A.	And from what I can gather, we're the only	12		opinion.
13	11.	Province around that don't have the cap now,	13	COMMISSIO	NER OXFORD:
14		and it seems like you don't hear it from	14	Q.	You're certainly entitled to that opinion.
15		other places that they got the same problem.	15	MS. QUIGLE	
16	CHAIR:	other places that they got the same problem.	16	A.	Me mudder always told me that.
17		And that's an area that we're going to try	17	CHAIR:	ivie mudder arways told me mat.
1	Q.	And that's an area that we're going to try	18		I'm fine Dyon did you have any lost
18		to spend a bit of time examining.		Q.	I'm fine, Ryan, did you have any last
19		Certainly, the difference, we'll try to look	19	MD OAKE.	questions?
20	MC OHICH	at that as well.	20	MR. OAKE:	N _a
21	MS. QUIGLE		21	Q.	No.
22	A.	Well, the different provinces all have	22	CHAIR:	W.2
23		different regulations and I understand that,	23	Q.	We're all good. Thank you
24	CHAID	you know.	24	II C 1	
25	CHAIR:		25	Upon Conclus	
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	Q.	Yes, absolutely. It's provincial here,			CERTIFICTE
2		right.			
3	MS. QUIGLI		I, Ja	nessa Murphy,	do hereby certify that the
4	A.	There's got to be something that we can do.			and correct transcript of a
5		Like I said, work together toas a team to			nsurance regulations and taxi
6		make it right, because this is just not			ne 12th day of April, 2018 at the
7		right, you know, this really is not right.			ic Utilities Board, St. John's,
8		I mean, it's not fair to anybody to have to			Labrador and was transcribed by me to
9		endure the hardships that these people are			ity by means of a sound apparatus.
10		bringing us.		<i>y</i> 23212	, ,
11		ONER OXFORD:	Date	ed at St. John's	NL this
12	Q.	The taxi companies in and around St. John's		day of April 2	
13		are meeting with the government as well and		, 0.1.1p1112	
14		you, the people on the West Coast have			
15		representation -	Jane	essa Murphy	
16	MS. QUIGLI	EY:		coveries Unlim	ited Inc
17	A.	We've been sitting in on those.	2150		
18	MR. EDMO	NDS:			
19	A.	We've been sitting in on the meetings here			
20		on the East Coast with the taxi cabs.			
21	COMMISSIO	ONER OXFORD:			
22	Q.	Okay.			
23	MS. QUÌGLI	•			
24	Q.	Yeah, Doug McCarthy will call us and say			
25	`	there's a meeting a such and such time, and			

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