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Accident Towing Services Act 2007

DETERMINATION OF CHARGES FOR THE TOWING AND STORAGE OF ACCIDENT-DAMAGED MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER SECTION 211

1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to determine the amounts that may be charged in a controlled area by the providers of accident towing services and the providers of the service of storing accident-damaged motor vehicles, for the purposes of the **Accident Towing Services Act 2007**.

2. Authorising Provision

This determination is made under section 211 of the **Accident Towing Services Act 2007** ('the ATS Act'). Section 211 provides that the Minister may determine the amounts of certain charges associated with accident towing. Section 212 of the ATS Act provides that the Minister must not make such a determination unless he or she has first referred the matter to the Essential Services Commission ('ESC'), and has received reports from the ESC and from VicRoads.

This determination reflects the recommendations in the ESC's June 2010 report 'Review of Accident Towing and Storage Fees'. In its report, VicRoads supported the recommendations of the ESC in that report in relation to the determination of fees under section 211.

3. Commencement

This notice comes into operation on 1 November 2010.

4. Definition

In this notice, **controlled area** means an area declared to be a controlled area under section 46 of the Act.

5. Declaration

I, Tim Pallas, Minister for Roads and Ports, have determined that the following amounts may be charged by operators of tow trucks for the towing accident-damaged motor vehicles with a gross vehicle mass of less than 4.0 tonnes from the scene of an accident within a controlled area, and the storage of those vehicles –

- (a) A base fee of \$189.50 inclusive of the first 8 kilometres of travel by the allocated tow truck, plus a rate of \$3.00 per kilometre for travel beyond the first 8 kilometres.
(For the purposes of calculating these towing charges, the distance travelled is to be measured from the authorised depot to the accident scene and then from the accident scene to the address to which the vehicle is to be towed.)
- (b) An after hours surcharge of \$64.75 ($\$189.50 + \$64.75 = \254.25 total charge for distances less than 8 kilometres) for tows allocated from the scene of an accident in a controlled area during the following time periods –
 - (i) Monday 5 pm to Tuesday 8 am;
 - (ii) Tuesday 5 pm to Wednesday 8 am;
 - (iii) Wednesday 5 pm to Thursday 8 am;
 - (iv) Thursday 5 pm to Friday 8 am;
 - (v) Friday 5 pm to Monday 8 am (i.e. all weekend); and
 - (vi) Public holidays (all day, midnight to midnight).

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- (c) For locked storage of accident-damaged motor vehicles following towing from the scene of an accident within a controlled area –
- (i) Motor car, under cover, \$14.50 per day;
 - (ii) Motor cycle, under cover, \$4.90 per day;
 - (iii) Motor car, in locked yard, \$9.70 per day; and
 - (iv) Motor cycle, in locked yard, \$3.15 per day.

All rates in this determination are inclusive of GST.

Dated 16 October 2010

TIM PALLAS
Minister for Roads and Ports

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