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And the renegotiations begin

As the newly elected Greek government meet with the troika for the first time this week to renegotiate the bailout conditions that have been crippling the nation, Greece's finance minister admits the country is "entering very deep waters". Read more page 10

Top to bottom: ECB's Klaus Masuch; IMF's Poul Thomsen and European Commission director Matthias Morse leave Maximos Mansion on Thursday.

Human toll of proposed taxi policy

Fel's Taxi Review still leaves a sour taste

HELEN VELISSARIS

Many Greek taxi owners believe they will face financial ruin and no superannuation if the government chooses to pass on the Fels Taxi Review.

Professor Allan Fels' Taxi Industry Review outlines a plan to sell taxi licences to owner-operators for just $20,000, when the current industry average is around $500,000.

With the Greek community making up a large sum of taxi owners and drivers, many believe this measure will send them broke.

Nick Andriannakis who owns three licences and has spent his life savings accumulating them finds it hard to believe that his investment will be nullified.

"I've been doing it for 30 years. I could have invested that money in a super fund or in a property or other investments, but no, I pursued taxis and now I've got nothing to show for it," he told *Neos Kosmos*.

"At the time I bought it [the licence], it was do you buy a house or buy a business?" he said.

In an attempt to boost competition, Professor Fels believes the licenses are a competitive way to increase cab numbers on the roads and provide a cheaper way for people to enter into the industry.

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SA gets first Greek Australian Chief Justice

Chris Kourakis has been appointed to the role of Chief Justice of the SA Supreme Court

PENNI PAPPAS

Chris Kourakis has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of the South Australia Supreme Court. He is the first Chief Justice in this position with a Greek Australian background. Chief Justice Kourakis replaced John Doyle who retired after 17 years in the role and is the ninth Chief Justice in SA.

Premier Jay Weatherill says Chief Justice Kourakis, has the leadership and management skills to lead the court.

"It's still early days, my head is still spinning," Chief Justice Kourakis told *Neos Kosmos*. "It's both exciting and daunting at the same time."

The 54-year-old has had a long and distinguished legal career that he said was a combination of hard work and "being in the right place at the right time".

"I have been really fortunate in the jobs that I've had that have exposed me quickly to high level legal work," he explains.

After graduating from law at the University of Adelaide, Chief Justice Kourakis was fortunate enough to do his articles with the legal firm Johnston Withers McCusker and work alongside Elliot Johnston; a long-time advocate for Greek migrants and workers. He then began work at the Legal Services Commissions which exposed him to high level court work within the Magistrates Court.

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