

TRANSPORT — OPERATING BUDGETS

1360. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to reports that the minister's transport agencies have been asked to find savings from their operating budgets.

- (1) Have any of the minister's agencies been requested or directed to identify savings from their operating budgets?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the amount of savings the departments and agencies have been required to find?
- (3) Has the minister seen or noted any briefing note from his agencies that state that a reduction in services would be required to meet savings requirements?
- (4) If yes to (3), what services would be required to be reduced?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(4) Given the current financial circumstances, the government is considering a range of potential savings measures.