

CORONAVIRUS — SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

266. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, including a statement from Transperth on 13 March that public transport is being cleaned more frequently, and a comment by the Minister for Education and Training that —

Soap is not in short supply for schools; they have what they need.

- (1) How is the government ensuring that school bus services and bus contractors have access to the cleaning supplies they need to ensure that buses are safe and hygienic?
- (2) Is the minister aware of any school bus drivers or contractors being told that they must purchase their own cleaning products?
- (3) What advice or guidelines about the cleaning of school buses have been provided for school bus drivers or contractors to follow?
- (4) What arrangements have been put in place by government to ensure that wages for school bus drivers or contractors continue to be paid if schools are closed?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Transport.

- (1) School bus operators have been asked to undertake a more detailed clean of their vehicle every day, noting that there is already a requirement under the contract for vehicles to be checked and cleaned daily.
- (2) An additional allowance is being provided to orange and green school bus operators for the cleaning of buses.
- (3) Operators have been supplied with guidelines covering the cleaning of buses, personal hygiene requirements and appropriate types of cleaning products.
- (4) Not applicable.