

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY - NORTHERN SUBURBS BUS SERVICES

**546. Hon RAY HALLIGAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

On behalf of Simon O'Brien, I refer to the announcement by the Premier on 2 May 2007 about additional car parking facilities at Whitfords train station.

- (1) Has the government discussed the provision of additional funds to enable the Public Transport Authority to provide extra east-west bus services to train stations serving the northern suburbs?
- (2) If so, when and with what outcome?

**Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:**

- (1)-(2) The capacity to fund more frequent feeder bus services and new east-west services to train stations in the northern corridor is a matter of at least annual consideration during each budget round. A number of services were introduced in 2005. Expenditure on metropolitan bus services is projected in the 2007-08 budget to increase by over nine per cent from \$170.4 million in 2006-07 to \$186.4 million in 2007-08. As the member is aware, funding was approved to construct additional parking capacity at northern suburbs rail stations. Additional funding for new bus services will be further considered during the next budget round.