

REX AIRLINES — INTRASTATE AIR ROUTES

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

I refer to the current tender process for the rights to operate on regulated intrastate air routes currently serviced by Rex airlines.

- (1) In the event that Rex airlines is a tenderer for any of the tendered routes, will the following factors be taken into consideration as part of the tender evaluation process —
 - (a) failure to meet current performance standards; and
 - (b) inability to secure sufficient pilots and maintenance staff to maintain acceptable service levels?
- (2) When will the successful tenderer be announced by the state government?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) The tender documentation for the exclusive rights to operate certain intrastate air routes includes criteria against which airlines were invited to submit proposals. These criteria include air services, airfares, infrastructure capability, route development and community engagement, and adequacy of the Western Australian industry participation strategy participation plan.
- (2) It will be once the tender process is completed.