

AIR SERVICES — REGIONAL EXPRESS AND SKIPPERS AVIATION

4050. Mrs L.M. Harvey to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to your decision to sign five year agreements with Regional Express and Skippers Aviation for the Perth–Carnarvon–Monkey Mia air route and flights between Perth and Laverton, Leonora, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet and Wiluna, and I ask:

- (a) does the Government subsidise these routes and if so, will the Minister provide the amount of the subsidy for each of these routes;
- (b) what is the average airfare for each of these routes for the months of July and August 2018;
- (c) what was the average airfare for each of these routes for the 2017–18 financial year;
- (d) what is the average number of passengers per flight for each of these routes for the months of July and August 2018; and
- (e) what was the average number of passengers per flight for each of these routes for the 2017–18 financial year?

Ms R. Saffioti replied:

- (a) No.
- (b)

Route	July 2018 – Average Airfares		August 2018 – Average Airfares	
	Excluding fees and charges	Including fees and charges*	Excluding fees and charges	Including fees and charges*
Perth–Carnarvon / Carnarvon–Perth [#]	\$223.16	\$310.08	\$216.18	\$301.34
Perth–Monkey Mia / Monkey Mia–Perth [#]	\$205.10	\$276.65	\$208.88	\$280.00
Perth–Mt Magnet / Mt Magnet–Perth	\$243.40	\$314.94	\$242.80	\$314.56
Perth–Meekatharra / Meekatharra–Perth	\$280.18	\$353.38	\$280.75	\$357.10
Perth–Wiluna / Wiluna–Perth	\$331.17	\$413.94	\$334.20	\$419.11
Perth–Leonora / Leonora–Perth	\$290.70	\$362.89	\$289.39	\$362.67
Perth–Laverton / Laverton–Perth	\$300.43	\$372.72	\$303.78	\$377.58

*Fees and charges include regional airport taxes, Perth Airport taxes and charges, credit card surcharges and GST.

[#]Rex Airlines began operations on the Carnarvon–Monkey Mia route on 2 July 2018. Data for 1 July 2018 is not reflected herein.

Note: Since Rex Airlines began operations on the Carnarvon – Monkey Mia route, there has been a significant reduction in the average airfare (16.6% for Carnarvon and 11.2% for Monkey Mia – comparing August 2018 airfares with average airfares in 2017–18).

(c)

Route	Average fare excluding fees and charges	Average airfare including fees and charges*
Perth–Carnarvon / Carnarvon–Perth	\$286.73	\$361.41
Perth–Monkey Mia / Monkey Mia–Perth	\$248.25	\$315.29
Perth–Mt Magnet / Mt Magnet–Perth	\$247.35	\$312.16
Perth–Meekatharra / Meekatharra–Perth	\$286.48	\$353.57

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Perth–Wiluna / Wiluna–Perth	\$334.48	\$409.39
Perth–Leonora / Leonora–Perth	\$287.54	\$351.81
Perth–Laverton / Laverton–Perth	\$311.65	\$379.21

*Fees and charges include regional airport taxes, Perth Airport taxes and charges, credit card surcharges and GST.

- (d)–(e) The Department of Transport (DoT) has advised it does not receive data from airlines on the average number of passengers per flight.