

TRANSPORT — FEES AND CHARGES INCREASE

2464. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

I refer to the 2010/11 State Budget, and ask —

- (1) Can the Minister please provide a list of all fees and charges in his portfolio that have increased by more than the inflation rate detailed in today's Budget?
- (2) For each fee or charge listed in (1), what is the percentage of the increase?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

Public Transport Authority

- (1) Yes
- (2) Transperth fares which have increased at a rate higher than the rate of increase in CPI of 2.75 per cent detailed in today's Budget are shown below -

	Increase	% increase
Standard		
1 Zone	10 cents	4.2%
2 Zones	10 cents	2.8%
Concession		
2 sections	10 cents	16.7%
1 Zone	10 cents	11.1%
2 Zones	10 cents	7.1%
4 Zones	10 cents	4.8%
5 Zones	20 cents	8.3%
6 Zones	30 cents	11.1%
7 Zones	40 cents	12.9%
8 Zones	30 cents	8.6%
9 Zones	20 cents	5.1%
DayRider	30 cents	9.1%

Note that Transperth fares are rounded to 10 cents which results in the percentage increase in some fares exceeding the rate of increase in CPI. Despite the significant percentage increases for some fares, the increase is only 10 cents for travel over two sections, one zone, two zones, and four zones.

It should be noted, that with respect to concession fares, there has been limited fare increases over the previous decade resulting in Transperth concession fees remaining below 40 per cent of standard fares. Most cities across Australia set concession fares at 50 per cent of standard fees. Concession fare increases have occurred at a rate higher than inflation in order to set concession fares at 40 per cent of standard fares. It is important to note that 80.2 per cent of all public transport trips made by seniors and pensioners are now taken in off peak periods where no fee is applied. Also, school aged children retain entitlements to 50 cent fares to and from school.

Main Roads

- (1) There have been no fees or charges increased by more than the inflation rate.
- (2) Not applicable.

Department of Transport

- (1) A listing of all fees and charges identifying the level of increase for each fee and charge is attached. [See paper 2169.]
- (2) The listing referred to in part (1) above identifies the actual percentage increase for each fee and charge.