

PUBLIC TRANSPORT — SENIORS' CONCESSION

5248. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

What is the estimated cost of extending the free seniors concession for public transport from 8.30am, instead of 10.00am, for those travelling into the city from zones five to nine?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Public Transport Authority advises:

The current free travel period for seniors, aged and disability pensioners is between 9.00am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday, all day Saturday and Sunday, as well as public holidays, not 10:00am.

Western Australia proudly already offers the most generous concessions and free travel entitlements in Australia, as delivered by the Liberal — National Government shortly after coming to Government.

It is estimated that such a change, as has been previously discussed, would comprise the cost of free patronage, software development and the impact on congestion and fare-paying passengers which is difficult to quantify. .