

SETON CATHOLIC COLLEGE — SPECIAL BUS SERVICE

70. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is it the policy of Transperth that school special buses may be discontinued even if they are well patronised?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) is this policy documented, and, if so, where; and
 - (b) is it likely, therefore, that any school might have a fully patronised school special bus removed at any time?
- (3) If no to (1), can the minister explain why the well-patronised morning bus service from Coogee–Munster to Seton Catholic College was discontinued at the end of 2011 without notice or consultation?
- (4) Will the minister direct Transperth to find a solution to the public transport problems suffered by students of Seton Catholic College and their parents since the beginning of the first term in 2012?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Transport advises —

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Transperth's approach over the past 15 years has been to review school special services and, when sensible, to replace them with fully integrated network services that provide a benefit to the community as a whole, not just to students, in both reduced emissions from under-utilised buses and more frequent services for passengers. This may be as simple as renumbering the service to bring it into the timetabled network. Care is taken to ensure that students who previously travelled to school by bus are still able to do so, acknowledging that journey times may change and, on occasions, transfers may be required.
- (4) Students who previously travelled to school by bus are still able to do so using the current network services. Transperth is able to provide travel solutions for students who attend Seton Catholic College.