

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT — ACTING POSITION

**1004. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Leader of the House:**

Who is the acting Minister for Transport and when will the questions to that minister or their representative in this house be able to be answered?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the honourable member for the question. It is a valid question. What has happened today is not satisfactory. The Premier is acting at the moment. What will happen is that that position, which is vacant at the moment, will be finalised in a matter of days. I will do the best that I possibly can, being mindful that I was not aware that the questions would come in in the form that they did. The Leader of the Opposition has made a valid point and some of those questions probably could have been answered. But, given the events of today, I think people were probably otherwise occupied in those few hours. Having said that, that is no real excuse and I will follow up and see whether we can perhaps get a more satisfactory response from the acting minister tomorrow. As I said, I imagine a new minister will be appointed imminently—that is, in the next couple of days. Then, of course, members will get more forthright answers. I will see whether we can get some responses to those ones that have already been asked without having to put them on notice.