

FARE EVASION ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT — STUDENTS

1978. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Transport

I refer to the number of students who are being penalised for not having been provided sufficient money to catch public transport to and from school, and ask -

- (1) How many infringement notices were issued for fare evasion in 2009?
- (2) How many of these were issued to young people under the age of 18?
- (3) How many infringement notices issued for fare evasion in 2009 were issued to students travelling to or from school?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Western Australian Government provides significant concession for students as they travel to and from school (50 cent fare). However, it is a parental responsibility to ensure that students are provided sufficient moneys to catch public transport.

- (1) 63,367 infringements were issued for fare evasion related offences in the 2009 calendar year. This represents 0.1% of all fare paying boardings.
- (2) 20,465 infringements were issued to young people under the age of 18 for fare evasion related offences in the 2009 calendar year. This represents 0.3% of all student fare paying boardings.
- (3) Information on whether students are travelling to or from school is not recorded by the Public Transport Authority for infringement related purposes. However, a total of 744 infringements were issued for fare evasion to persons under the age of 18 who did not have a ticket or did not have the correct student concession entitlement between the hours of 07:00am to 10:00am and a further 3,720 infringements were issued between the hours of 3:00pm to 6:00pm on the same basis in the 2009 calendar year.