

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY — BUS SHELTER REPAIR

1655. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Can the Minister advise if the Public Transport Authority has a grants program for:
 - (a) repairing bus shelters that have been vandalised in such a way that glass is shattered; and
 - (b) replacing the bus shelters with mesh or other shatter-proof materials?
- (2) If the Public Transport Authority has a grants program for the repairing of bus shelters, how much has been allocated in the 2009–2010 budget?

Mr M.J. COWPER replied:

- (1)
 - (a) No. The Public Transport Authority's Bus Shelter Grants Scheme provides funding assistance to Local Government and schools to assist in the procurement and installation of bus stop shelters throughout Western Australia. Additional repairs required to bus shelters due to vandalism after the grant has been allocated, is the responsibility of the Local Government Authority or school to which the bus shelter belongs.
 - (b) As the Bus Shelter Grants Scheme provides funds to buy, build or upgrade bus shelters, it would be possible for a Local Government Authority or school to lodge an application to replace a bus shelter under their authority which may include anti vandalism measures such as mesh or other shatter-proof materials. It should be noted however that the Grant Scheme is allocated to successful applicants once per year and therefore the ongoing cost to repair the bus shelter during this time would still be the responsibility of the Authority or school to which the bus shelter belongs.
- (2) Not applicable.