

NON-PETROL VEHICLES — PERTH USE

4780. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to licensing electric golf carts and other small, non-petrol vehicles for local use in precincts with low speed limits, and I ask —

- (1) Is the Minister aware that certain areas in Arizona licence the use of these vehicles on public roads in suitably speed-limited areas?
- (2) Does the Minister concur that there are a number of suitable areas in Perth, such as Northbridge, Leederville, Subiaco and Victoria Park in which the use of such vehicles could be successful?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Will the Minister commit to considering such a scheme?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Information from the United States of America's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicates that these types of vehicles which reach a top speed of 30–40 km/h, are not required to meet any criteria for vehicle crashworthiness in the United States of America.
- (4) No