

TRANSWA COACH SERVICES

5414. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

In relation to Transwa Coach services —

- (1) What is the average shift length for a bus driver?
- (2) What is the longest shift a bus driver must work?
- (3) Do drivers have rest and meal breaks during shifts, and if yes, how often?
- (4) Are breaks always taken in places where toilet facilities are available?
- (5) When a location is determined for a bus terminus, is access to toilet or meal facilities a consideration?
- (6) Under what circumstances would a bus terminus be established where there is no access to toilet or meal facilities for bus drivers?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Public Transport Authority advises:

- (1) The average shift for Transwa Road Coach Operators is between eight and eight and a half hours.
- (2) Currently the longest shift worked is 13 hours.
- (3) Yes. Road Coach Operators normally have a 20 minute break between the third and fourth, seventh and eighth and eleventh and twelfth hours.
- (4) Yes although it should be noted that all Transwa Road Coaches are equipped with toilets for use by passengers and the Road Coach Operator on route, if necessary.
- (5) See above.
- (6) See answer to question 4 above.