

ELLENBROOK–MIDLAND BUS SERVICE — COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PROCESS

693. Hon LINDA SAVAGE to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the article in *The West Australian* of 18 August 2011 headed “Grandmother calls for more bus services”, which reported the minister as saying that “recent community consultation sessions had shown support for the link to Bassendean, with only a small number of requests for more direct services to Midland.”

- (1) On what dates and at what venues were these recent community consultation sessions held?
- (2) Who organised the sessions, who was responsible for them and who conducted the sessions?
- (3) How many members of the public attended these sessions?
- (4) How were members of the public made aware of these sessions?
- (5) How and from whom can members of the public obtain details of the process and results of these community consultation sessions referred to by the minister in *The West Australian* of 18 August 2011?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Public Transport Authority advises —

- (1) Community consultation was most recently held at The Shops at Ellenbrook on Thursday, 16 June 2011 from 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm outside Best & Less, and on Saturday, 18 June 2011 from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm outside Dynamic Discounts. The sessions were specifically held to discuss the planned introduction of the route 337 bus service, Aveley to Ellenbrook, and changes to bus service routes 334, 336 and 955. Although the route 335 bus service to Midland did not change, a small number of inquiries were received about the Midland service.
- (2) Transperth’s community education team was responsible for organising and communicating the sessions. Members of the Transperth service development team, which oversees the planning of Transperth bus services, attended the sessions, along with a representative of Swan Transit, which operates Transperth services in the Ellenbrook area.
- (3) On Thursday, 16 June 2011, 103 people attended. On Saturday, 18 June 2011, 202 people attended.
- (4) Members of the public were informed of the sessions via a variety of media, including press advertising in the local community newspapers. Consultation sessions were advertised in the *Echo* on 4 June and 11 June 2011, and in the *Advocate* on 8 June and 15 June 2011. Posters and passenger bulletins were displayed on all bus services in the Midvale contract area, with 70 posters and 3 500 brochures provided. A notice was posted on the Transperth website on Friday, 3 June 2011, and TravelEasy emails were sent to all registered members for the affected bus services on 6 June and 13 June 2011.
- (5) Members of the public can obtain details of the process and the session results by contacting Transperth in writing or by submitting a request through the Transperth comment line, 13 16 08.