

TRANSPERTH BUSES — COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS AND DIESEL

2285. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

- (1) What is the current average running cost of CNG buses in the Transperth Fleet including —
  - (a) rigid; and
  - (b) articulated buses?
- (2) What is the current average running costs of diesel buses in the Transperth Fleet including:
  - (a) rigid; and
  - (b) articulated buses?
- (3) What is the maximum average running cost as advertised in tenders for the Transperth bus replacement contract for —
  - (a) CNG; and
  - (b) diesel buses?
- (4) What is the maximum average maintenance cost as advertised in tenders for the Transperth bus replacement contract for —
  - (a) CNG; and
  - (b) diesel buses?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) Transperth bus services are provided under commercial agreements with private sector bus companies so the actual running costs (fuel, oil, parts and maintenance labour costs only) incurred by the companies are not held by the Public Transport Authority. However, the formulation of the price paid for services under these contracts allows for reasonable estimates to be made.
  - (a) CNG rigid buses have an estimated average running cost of \$1.39 per service kilometre.
  - (b) Transperth has only three prototype CNG articulated buses. As these buses have only recently been introduced into operation there is insufficient data available to provide an estimate of running costs.
- (2)
  - (a) Diesel rigid buses have an estimated running cost of \$1.00 per service kilometre.
  - (b) Diesel articulated buses have an estimated running cost \$1.15 per service kilometre.
- (3) (a)-(b) No maximum average running costs were specified.
- (4) (a)-(b) No maximum average maintenance costs were specified.