

REGIONAL TOWNS — BUS SERVICES

5435. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Since 1 January 2011, have any regional town bus service operators requested —
 - (a) duress alarms;
 - (b) cameras;
 - (c) protective cages for drivers; and
 - (d) two way radios from the Public Transport Authority?
- (2) If yes to (1), which bus operators and what did they request?
- (3) What was the outcome of the request made to the Public Transport Authority?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Public Transport Authority advises:

- (1)
 - (a) No
 - (b) Yes
 - (c) No
 - (d) Yes
- (2) Veolia Transdev requested two way radios and CCTV cameras and Buswest requested CCTV cameras.
- (3) The PTA has agreed to fund the installation of two way radios for Veolia Transdev and is currently obtaining costing information to progress this initiative as soon as practicable.

The PTA agreed to fund the installation of CCTV cameras for Buswest on a trial basis to determine whether CCTV cameras have an impact on reducing antisocial behaviour and whether it can be used to assist the outcome of police investigations.