

AIR SERVICES FRAMEWORK

**910. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the proposed new air services framework for WA that was due to be announced in September with implementation either late this year or early next year.

- (1) When will a final decision be made public and when will it be implemented?
- (2) Can the minister guarantee that the new framework will provide greater services to towns than the current arrangements?
- (3) Will the guarantee include maintaining the number of flights per week currently being operated and no reduction in the frequency of flights throughout the day due to competing airlines leaving at similar times as occurred under the previous national two-airline policy?
- (4) Will the guarantee include planes of a similar or better standard than those currently used?
- (5) What other indicators of performance will be improved under the new arrangements?
- (6) What mechanisms, including the amount of any bonds, will be implemented to ensure that successful airlines continue to honour any commitments made during the tender process?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(6) I am not sure what the member's definition of "framework" is. In any case, there are some decisions to be made on this.

**Hon Ken Travers:** That is the terminology you used in your press release.

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** The member applied some very definite meanings in the question he asked. Be that as it may, the matter is currently before cabinet and we will be making announcements —

**Hon Ken Travers:** You can't give those guarantees now, though?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** The member will be very happy with the result. He should wait and see. His government never fixed it up.