

TRANSPERTH — ARTICULATED BUSES

**298. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

- (1) How many articulated buses has the government purchased since 1 January 2011?
- (2) Were the articulated buses that have been purchased subject to any evaluation trial prior to multiple purchases of the buses; and, if not, why not?
- (3) Have any problems been encountered with the new articulated buses since their purchase?
- (4) If yes to (3), what are the problems and what action has Transperth taken to address these problems?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

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

- (1) Ten Volvo B12 models.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Transperth has not encountered any problems since their purchase; however, a safety alert has been issued by Volvo Bus Australia.
- (4) Volvo informed Transperth that a speed restriction of 50 kilometres an hour for each bus was required as a safety measure. Transperth immediately removed the 10 Volvo B12 buses from service until a solution to the safety alert is identified.