

REGIONAL TOWNS — BUS SERVICES

5413. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

In relation to each regional town bus service —

- (1) What is the average shift length for a bus driver?
- (2) What is the longest shift a bus driver must work?
- (3) Do drivers have rest and meal breaks during shifts, and if yes, how often?
- (4) Are breaks always taken in places where toilet facilities are available?
- (5) When a location is determined for a bus terminus, is access to toilet or meal facilities a consideration?
- (6) Under what circumstances would a bus terminus be established where there is no access to toilet or meal facilities for bus drivers?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Public Transport authority advises:

- (1) Albany = 1.5 hours, Broome = 1.5 hours, Bunbury = 2.5 hours, Busselton = 1.5 hours, Carnarvon = 1.5 hours, Collie = 1.5 hours, Dunsborough = 2 hours, Esperance = 1.5 hours, Geraldton = 2 hours, Kalgoorlie = 2.5 hours, Karratha = 1.5 hours, Kununurra = 1.5 hours, Manjimup = 1.5 hours, Narrogin = 1.5 hours, Port Hedland = 2 hours.
- (2) Albany = 6 hours, Broome = 2 hours, Bunbury = 9 hours, Busselton = 5 hours, Carnarvon = 4 hours, Collie = 2 hours, Dunsborough = 3 hours, Esperance = 2 hours, Geraldton = 9.75 hours, Kalgoorlie = 6.5 hours, Karratha = 2 hours, Kununurra = 1.5 hours, Manjimup = 1.5 hours, Narrogin = 1.5 hours, Port Hedland = 6 hours.
- (3) Yes. Typically during a shift there are multiple rest breaks between trips with meal breaks being rostered at a maximum period of five hours.
- (4) Yes for meal breaks but not always for rest breaks.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) When implementing a new route to an outer suburban location where facilities have not been fully established.