

SOUTH WEST — BUS SERVICES

6115. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to lack of funding committed to grow bus services in the South West region over the last four years and in the forward estimates, and I ask —

- (1) On what basis does the Government determine when and how to grow the bus service in the South West region?
- (2) Does the Department have a 10 year plan for the growth of bus services in the regional Western Australia?
- (3) If yes to (2), will the Minister table the plan?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?
- (5) What is the Government's plan for growing bus services in the South West over the next 5 years?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Public Transport Authority advises:

- (1)–(2) The review of regional town bus services throughout the State, including the South West region is an ongoing process to ensure that services remain current and meets the needs of the community in the most effective and efficient manner. The reviews may result in an increase in funding or resources to address patronage growth or result in a reallocation of resources from underperforming services to areas of greater need.
- (3) Not applicable
- (4)–(5) Refer to the answer provided at part 1.