

BUNBURY CITY TRANSIT BUSES — SERVICE TO BUNBURY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

320. Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Public Transport Authority and the Bunbury City Transit bus service.

- (1) Is the minister aware of, and did he approve, the PTA's recent decision to cease Bunbury City Transit buses stopping at the Bunbury Senior High School bus stop on the Upper Esplanade, resulting in students having to walk about four to five city blocks through the CBD area to the Bunbury bus terminus to access Bunbury City Transit buses?
- (2) What are the reasons for this decision and what action has the government taken to ensure the safety of students now having to walk through the CBD area to access a Bunbury City Transit bus?
- (3) Did the PTA consult with the Bunbury Senior High School principal, staff, students and parents before stopping this service; and, if yes, what form did the consultation take?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Transport advises as follows —

- (1) I am advised by the Public Transport Authority that Bunbury City Transit services ceased using the Bunbury Senior High School bus stop on the Upper Esplanade a number of years ago. There have been no recent changes to these arrangements. The former Minister for Transport was aware that Bunbury City Transit's bus services were being reviewed by the Public Transport Authority in the latter half of 2010 in conjunction with Bunbury City Transit, and the broader detail of the proposed changes. The effective date for these changes was 6 December 2010.
- (2) Not applicable. I note, as part of the 6 December 2010 service improvements, the afternoon number 3 school bus special was changed to commence at 3.10 pm from the bus stop at the Bunbury Senior Citizens Centre to take Bunbury Senior High School students to the Bunbury bus station to reduce the need for students to walk across the Bunbury CBD area to the bus station.
- (3) Not applicable.