

ELLENBROOK–MIDLAND BUS SERVICES

534. Hon LINDA SAVAGE to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to question without notice 505 asked yesterday and the response by the minister that —

Transperth has conducted community consultation at Ellenbrook on numerous occasions and has also analysed letters and website comments from residents. The analysis shows that Ellenbrook residents have indicated that their first priority is for a strong public transport connection from Ellenbrook to Morley.

- (1) Where and on what dates have community consultations been held by Transperth at Ellenbrook since September 2008?
- (2) How many letters has Transperth received from residents of Ellenbrook since September 2008 concerning bus services from Ellenbrook?
- (3) How many letters has Transperth received from residents of Ellenbrook since September 2008 concerning rail services from Ellenbrook?
- (4) How many website comments has Transperth received from residents of Ellenbrook since September 2008?
- (5) On the basis of the consultations, letters and website comments received, when was the analysis carried out, by whom was it carried out, when did the minister receive the analysis, and will the minister table a copy of the analysis.

The PRESIDENT: I give the call to the Minister for Transport in answer that question with a very lengthy preamble.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

Yes, it was a long question with a lengthy preamble.

Hon Ken Travers: I'm sure you can handle it.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: I certainly will.

I thank the honourable member for notice of her quite detailed question. I do not have all the information that I want to respond to it, so I ask that the member place the question on notice. However, I thank her for her interest, and I hope it is a positive interest, like that of the member's colleague Rita Saffioti, the member for West Swan, who has put out an announcement urging people to have their say on proposed changes to bus services to Ellenbrook. So it looks as though there are some members of the Australian Labor Party locally who think it is a good idea. I will quote the member for West Swan, who said, "An improvement to bus services in this area has been a long time coming." Coming from the former chief of staff of the former Labor Premier, she ought to know, should she not? Was she there banging in star pickets with Graham Giffard? I do not know. It is an interesting question, and I am glad that at least some Labor members have the good grace to acknowledge that good services are being delivered by this government. Those are services that the people in Ellenbrook want and that are pertinent to their needs—services that the people of Ellenbrook did not get under the last mob. So I thank Rita, through her colleagues in this place, for her support of this initiative, and I wish they would get the sour looks off their faces.