

PERTH PARKING TRUST FUND

1019. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Can the minister confirm that over \$40 million is currently held in the Perth parking trust fund?
- (2) Has any additional funding being provided in this financial year to the Public Transport Authority for additional central area transit buses in Perth; and, if yes, have the additional CAT buses commenced operation?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Has the government consulted with the City of Perth on how the unallocated money in the trust fund will be spent; and, if not, why not?
- (5) If yes, what projects has the government requested the City of Perth's views on?
- (6) Is the government still considering using any of these funds on the Northbridge Link project?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of his question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes. Funding of \$2.4 million has been provided. The additional funding has already seen a number of improvements, with two of the three staged improvements introduced. On 1 August 2010, Transperth upgraded the red CAT to start at 6.00 am, 50 minutes earlier, and finish at 7.30 pm, 70 minutes later, Monday to Thursday—Friday services now operate until 9.00 pm, over two and a half hours later than prior to the upgrade. We have upgraded the yellow CAT frequency to operate every eight minutes instead of every 10 minutes. We have upgraded the red, yellow and blue CATs to operate every 15 minutes on weekends, with major improvements in the red and yellow CATs on a Saturday, commencing 90 minutes earlier at 8.30 am and finishing 60 minutes later at 7.30 pm. Sunday services on the red and yellow CATs commence at 10.00 am; however, the frequency was also upgraded to a bus every 15 minutes and extended to 7.00 pm. On 10 October 2010, Transperth further upgraded the yellow CAT service to start at 6.00 am, which is 50 minutes earlier, and finish at 7.30 pm, which is 70 minutes later, Monday to Thursday. In mid-December, Transperth plans to upgrade the blue CAT, with services finishing 70 minutes later at 7.30 pm, Monday to Thursday.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Discussions regarding expenditure of the Perth parking management fund are held with the City of Perth on a range of proposals through the central Perth transport steering group, which is chaired by the Department of Transport.
- (6) The government will consider a full range of proposals to enhance public transport and related initiatives in central Perth.