

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY — MISSING PERSONS ROLE

1367. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

- (1) Can the Public Transport Authority (PTA), provide details to police to assist in investigations to locate minors' reported missing?
- (2) Can the PTA provide details to the parents of minors when they are reported missing?
- (3) What action will the Government take to ensure prompt information is provided from the PTA data base to police to assist in the location of missing persons?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) The Public Transport Authority (PTA) has close relationships with Western Australian Police (WAPOL) where intelligence is shared. It is common for WAPOL to seek assistance and information from the PTA to locate missing persons. A "Look Out To Be Kept For" email is normally sent by WAPOL to PTA security personnel requesting any information available that may assist them with their enquiries.
- (2) Missing person's investigations are carried by WAPOL; hence parents will directly liaise with them. However, there are occasions where concerned parents contact PTA security directly and while every endeavour is taken to assist them, disclosure of personal information is usually only provided to WAPOL.
- (3) The PTA and WAPOL have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) where full co-operation is afforded by both parties at all times. Senior management from both organisations meet regularly and ensure that all aspects of the MOU are met.