

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY — 2017–18 STATE BUDGET — EFFICIENCY INDICATORS

2117. Mrs L.M. Harvey to the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands:

- (1) For the Public Transport Authority's efficiency indicator, average cost per 1,000 place kilometres for regional bus services:
 - (a) why has the budget target for 2017–18 for Regional Bus Services been lowered by nearly 31 per cent from the 2016–17 target; and
 - (b) have any services been cut, if so, which ones?
- (2) Please detail the regional bus services that have experienced a decline in patronage and the extent of the decline?
- (3) Will the \$500,000 marketing campaign to encourage patronage also include regional WA?
- (4) Was the Office of the Auditor General involved in the lowering of these Key Effectiveness Indicators?

Ms R. Saffioti replied:

- (1)
 - (a) The original budget target figure for 2016/17 did not include the Perth to Broome road coach service as the Public Transport Authority (PTA) only began to subsidise this service in November of 2016. In contrast, the target for 2017/18 included the full year impact of the Perth to Broome service, which involved a substantial increase of 44.1 million passenger place kilometres for the year. Given that the budget for regional services decreased slightly from 2016/17 to 2017/18, the combined effect of the significant increase in passenger place kilometres for the Perth to Broome bus service and the decrease in total cost for these services, the target average cost per 1,000 passenger place kilometres for 2017/18 decreased from \$92.93 to \$76.52.
 - (b) No.
- (2) The following regional town bus services experienced a decline in patronage in 2016/2017: Albany (-3.4 per cent), Bunbury (-7.1 per cent), Busselton (-0.7 per cent), Carnarvon (-20.8 per cent), Geraldton (-3.6 per cent), Kalgoorlie (-4.2 per cent), Collie (-11.6 per cent), Esperance (-3.6 per cent), Karratha (-1.8 per cent), Manjimup (-11.6 per cent).
- (3) The focus of the marketing campaign will be metropolitan services; however it is possible that some strategies and measures could be applied to regional services at a later time.
- (4) The Office of the Auditor General, audits the Key Effectiveness Indicator actuals annually and provides an opinion which is included in the PTA's Annual Report. For more than seven years the Auditor General has not raised any concerns with regard to the PTA's Indicators.