

TRANSPERTH BUS SERVICES — DRIVER DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

3562. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) What type of drug and alcohol testing system is used for drivers of Public Transport Authority (PTA) funded services?
- (2) How long does it take from the time a test is taken to receive a test result?
- (3) Are the drug and alcohol tests used different to the tests used by Western Australian Police on Western Australian drivers?
- (4) Has the PTA ever considered adopting an instant drug and alcohol testing system?
- (5) If yes to (4), what was the outcome?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

The Liberal–National Government takes the issue of drugs seriously, unlike the previous Labor Government which allowed people to grow two Marijuana plants per person per household.

The Public Transport Authority advises:

- (1) A range of testing is performed including breath and urine tests.
- (2) Varies from instant to otherwise depending upon type of test performed and location.
- (3) Yes
- (4)–(5) Accuracy and reliability were questionable.