

PUBLIC BUS SERVICES — FARE REGULATION

**425. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport:**

- (1) Can the minister advise what regulations, if any, authorise the amount/rate of fares to be collected on Transperth and regional town bus services?
- (2) If there is no regulation, on what basis and under what authority is the amount fixed to be paid by a person using public transport?
- (3) Will the minister table any regulations or other instruments that set the current fares to be collected on Transperth or regional town bus services?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) There are no regulations that authorise the amount or rate of fares to be collected.
- (2) The Public Transport Authority Act 2003 gives the authority all the powers it needs to form its functions. The power to determine fares for key services that the authority provides is an implicit power granted by section 13 of the act.
- (3) No. As indicated just now, the Public Transport Authority Act 2003 gives the authority the power to set fares on Transperth and regional town bus services.

Part (3) of the member's question related to tabling any regulations or other instruments. I have taken the term "instrument" to mean a legislative instrument.

**Hon Ken Travers:** I was asking for any instrument.

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** Obviously, my answer does not refer to just the scheduled fares, which I have previously provided to the member.