

BUS SERVICES — ELLENBROOK AND AVELEY

119. Hon LINDA SAVAGE to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Why are there no direct bus services from Ellenbrook to Midland on Saturdays, Sundays or public holidays?
- (2) Does the government have any plans in 2011 to commence a direct bus service from Ellenbrook to Midland on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays?
- (3) Why are there no bus services in the suburb of Aveley?
- (4) Does the government have any plans to commence a bus service for Aveley in 2011?
- (5) Is the minister aware that taxi services in Ellenbrook are extremely limited?
- (6) Does the minister have any plans or strategy to assist the residents of Ellenbrook to have reasonable access to taxi services?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of her omnibus question—pun intended!

The Public Transport Authority advises —

- (1) I am advised Transperth operates a limited direct service between Ellenbrook and Midland on weekdays only. This service, route 335, is predominantly designed to meet the needs of school students attending a range of schools in the Midland area.
- (2) No.
- (3) Funding has not permitted the provision of bus services to Aveley.
- (4) Priority will be given to implementing bus services to Aveley in 2011.
- (5) I acknowledge there is a need for improvement to taxi services in Ellenbrook.
- (6) Twenty-eight outer area plates were recently advertised, including eight in the north-east outer area, which includes Ellenbrook.