

CAT BUS SERVICES — FUNDING

3049. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

- (1) Was additional money allocated in the 2010-11 Budget for the purchase and operation of additional CAT bus services in Perth?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) how much was allocated; and
 - (b) what will this provide?
- (3) When will additional services commence?
- (4) Will all the funding for additional CAT Bus services be sourced from the Perth Parking Management Fund?
- (5) How many months of operation of additional services were provided for in the money allocated in the 2010-11 State Budget?
- (6) When does the Minister expect the additional buses will be —
 - (a) ordered;
 - (b) delivered; and
 - (c) enter operation?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2)
 - (a) \$2.4 million.
 - (b) The additional funding has already seen a number of improvements, with two of the three staged improvements for CAT bus services introduced.

On 1 August 2010 Transperth —

 - Upgraded the Red CAT bus service which resulted in a start time of 6am (50 minutes earlier than prior to the upgrade) Monday to Thursday. Friday services now operate until 9pm (more than 2.5 hours later than prior to the upgrade).
 - Upgraded the Yellow CAT bus service frequency to operate every eight minutes instead of every 10 minutes.
 - Upgraded the Red, Yellow and Blue CAT Bus services to operate every 15 minutes on weekends.
 - Upgraded Saturday Red and Yellow CAT Bus services which resulted in a start time of 8.30am (90 minutes earlier than prior to the upgrade) until at 7pm (60 minutes later than prior to the upgrade).
 - Upgraded Sunday Red and Yellow CAT Bus services commencing at 10am and extended to 7pm. The bus service frequency was also upgraded to every 15 minutes.

On 10 October 2010 Transperth -

 - Further upgraded the Yellow Cat Bus Service which resulted in a start time of 6am (50 minutes earlier than prior to the upgrade) until 7.30pm (70 minutes later than prior to the upgrade) Monday to Thursday.

In mid December 2010, Transperth plans to -

 - Upgrade the Blue CAT Bus service with services finishing at 7.30pm (70 minutes later than prior to the upgrade) Monday to Thursday.
- (3) As described above.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Service improvements were implemented on a phased basis from 1 August 2010.
- (6)
 - (a)-(c) Existing buses from the Transperth bus fleet have been refurbished and modified for the improved Perth CAT Bus service and have been in operation since August 2010.