

SOUTH WEST COACH LINES — COLLIE–BUNBURY SERVICE

244. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the cessation of the South West Coach Lines bus service between Collie and Bunbury on 1 February 2022 and to question without notice 216 asked yesterday.

- (1) On what date was —
 - (a) the Department of Transport first notified that the bus service would be withdrawn by South West Coach lines; and
 - (b) the minister made aware?
- (2) Will Transwa amend the timetable for the bus service connected to the *Australind* train as an interim measure to provide better connections between Bunbury and Collie?
- (3) If yes to (2), when will this start?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) As stated in the answer provided to the member yesterday, the state government understands the importance of reliable public transport to the Collie and south west community, and it is disappointing that South West Coach Lines made the decision to end its service. The Minister for Transport and Transwa will work with the member for Collie–Preston and the community to discuss their public transport needs and whether any potential improvements can be made to provide better links between Collie and Bunbury.