

SOUTH WEST COACH LINES — COLLIE–BUNBURY SERVICE

216. 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.

- (1) Will the minister undertake to provide a public bus service to the residents of Collie that will allow them to attend, amongst other areas, TAFE, university, employment and medical commitments in the City of Bunbury?
- (2) Will the minister commit to the provision of a subsidised public service operating daily, from Monday to Friday, between Collie and Bunbury?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) What discussions have occurred in the transport portfolio, including between the minister, ministerial office and department, about the restoration of a Collie to Bunbury bus route, and will the minister table all such deliberations, including any proposals?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(5) The state government understands the importance of reliable public transport to Collie and the south west community, and it is disappointing that South West Coach Lines made the decision to end its service. The minister 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.