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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AND STATUTES REVISION**

IN RELATION TO

**A PETITION OBJECTING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S
DECISION TO RESTRICT THE USE BY PENSIONERS OF
THEIR FREE WESTRAIL ENTITLEMENT DURING
HOLIDAY PERIODS**

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- (d) any petition;
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REPORT IN RELATION TO A PETITION OBJECTING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO RESTRICT THE USE BY PENSIONERS OF THEIR FREE WESTRAIL ENTITLEMENT DURING HOLIDAY PERIODS

1. INTRODUCTION

The Standing Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Statutes Revision was first appointed on 21 December 1989. Under its Terms of Reference, the Committee is required, *inter alia*, to consider and report on any petition.

1.1 The Petition

On 14 and 22 May 1996 and 3 July 1996, Hon Bob Thomas MLC tabled four identical petitions (*TP's #291, 318, 433 and 525 of 1996*) signed by a total of two hundred and eighty (280) citizens of Western Australia in the following terms:

"We, the undersigned people of Western Australia object to the Court Government's decision to restrict pensioners from taking their one free Westrail trip over Christmas and New Year when family reunions are so important. We also object to the restrictions on free travel at Easter and during school holidays. We call on the Government to immediately cancel the restrictions on this one free travel pass per year and to restore the choice to pensioners to travel at a time that suits them and their families."

1.2 Overview of the Petition

The Committee has resolved to investigate this petition because it believes a valid concern has been raised by the petition and it was within the resources of the Committee to properly investigate the matter.

On 28 February 1996, Westrail announced the introduction of restrictions on the use of the West Australian Pensioner Free Travel Voucher ("Free Travel Voucher") during holiday periods. Effectively, pensioners¹ are unable to travel during holiday periods using their Free Travel Voucher, except on a standby arrangement. Under this arrangement, any seats remaining unsold twenty-four hours prior to departure will be available for free travel by pensioners. Concessional half fares are also available throughout the year without restriction.

Westrail has asserted that these restrictions have been introduced because an increase in demand by country passengers for rail and coach services during holiday periods has reduced spare capacity on Westrail services. It is claimed that previously, this spare capacity had allowed pensioners to undertake free travel without extending normal passenger limits.

¹ The term "pensioner" includes age pensioners (but not "seniors"), war veterans and widows, single parents and disability pensioners.

It has also been submitted that the restricted travel on Free Travel Vouchers will result in substantial savings to Westrail because of the reduced need to hire additional private coaches to carry excess demand.

The restrictions took effect from 4 April this year and include the following periods for 1996 : April 4-22 inclusive; July 5-22 inclusive; September 27-October 14 inclusive and December 18-January 31.

The Committee has determined to consider this petition in terms of both the cost to Westrail and the social value of providing free travel entitlements to pensioners.

Governments have long accepted a responsibility for the provision of certain services to special or disadvantaged groups, such as pensioners. At the same time, there will always be a need to ensure that these community service obligations are provided cost effectively.

Accordingly, it is necessary to consider the reasons why pensioners use their free entitlements during holiday periods. Anecdotal evidence gathered by the Committee suggests that many utilise their free travel entitlements for the purposes of family reunions, visits with grandchildren and the provision of informal child-care services during school holiday periods.

The Committee is firmly of the opinion that, while there is a need to acknowledge the cost to taxpayers of providing government services, this need must be balanced with an appreciation of family and community values and the importance of family cohesion in an age when familial links are steadily being eroded.

1.3 Action Taken by the Committee

In reviewing this petition, the Committee met with representatives of Westrail, the Department of Transport and a number of pensioner lobby groups. Submissions were also requested from all three principal petitioners, the Minister for Seniors and the Minister for Transport.

A list of persons the Committee met with and the written materials considered in reviewing the petition is attached at Appendix 1.

In addition to these measures, the Committee decided that it would be appropriate to seek submissions from the general community. Accordingly, the Committee advertised in the *West Australian* newspaper calling for oral or written submissions from interested persons. A copy of this advertisement is attached at Appendix II.

Eighteen (18) written submissions and thirty-three (33) telephone submissions were received. A list of people who made those submissions is attached at Appendix III and IV respectively. Of the total submissions received, forty-nine (49) supported the petition, while two (2) opposed it.

2. BACKGROUND TO THE PETITION

The annual Free Travel Voucher entitlement provided by Westrail to all West Australian pensioners is part of a consolidated national scheme which offers entitlements to pensioners on a wide array of government services. These entitlements range from discounts on telephone and postal services to a variety of travel concessions.

All holders of a pension card distributed by the Commonwealth Department of Social Security or the Department of Veteran's Affairs qualify for these entitlements. Entitlements are given on an annual basis with the issue of the pension card each calendar year.

It should be noted that some of the entitlements are given by the Commonwealth and some by the States. The Free Travel Voucher on Westrail is, of course, a State concession. Westrail also provides fare concessions on all inter-state and inter-town rail and coach trips.

Specifically, the Free Travel Voucher entitles pensioners to a trip on Westrail country rail and road coach services, within Western Australia, for two single journeys between the same location in the same year, or one return journey per annum. It cannot be used in any other state or for an interstate journey or any part thereof.

The Free Travel Voucher is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. it can only be used once a year;
2. it is not transferable;
3. the entitlement does not apply to dependants of pensioners; and
4. it is not cumulative beyond the 31 December of each year and must be used in the year of issue.

3. ISSUES ARISING FROM THE PETITION

3.1 Increased Demand for Westrail Services

Both the total number of passengers travelling on Westrail services and the number of pensioners using their Free Travel Voucher has increased over the last five to ten years.² The number of pensioners using Free Travel Vouchers represented as a percentage of the total number of passengers has also increased.³ A list of figures showing the breakdown of demand for Westrail services for the financial year 1989/90 to 1995/96 is attached at Appendix V.

² In 1989/90, a total of 420 754 one way journeys were undertaken on Westrail services compared to 523 976 in 1995/96. The number of pensioners using Free Travel Vouchers during these periods had increased from 57 942 one way journeys to 86 436 respectively.

³ The percentage of pensioners using Free Travel Vouchers to total patronage has increased from 13.77% in 1989/90 to 16.5% in 1995/96.

In the past, spare capacity had been available on most of Westrail's services to accommodate free travel by pensioners. However, with the increased demand for seats, this is no longer the case.

This increased demand has been met partly by an enlargement of Westrail's fleet of rail cars and coaches in recent years and partly by contracting out arrangements with the private sector during peak times of demand, such as the beginning and end of school holiday periods. However, the Commissioner suggested to the Committee that the cost of chartering private sector coaches was becoming excessive and that, in any event, the maximum threshold on available coaches and drivers had almost been reached.

Thus, in order to better utilise Westrail services and improve productivity, a load management strategy was adopted to match demand for passenger services with existing Westrail stock wherever possible. This load management goal could have been achieved by either appropriate pricing mechanism or by revising many of the concessions or entitlements that apply to various passengers.

In this case, Westrail chose to institute a restriction of pensioners' free travel entitlement during school holiday periods as a means of trying to match supply and demand more evenly.

Figures provided to the Committee show that during the 1995 Easter holiday period a total of 34 789 people, including 4 051 pensioners, travelled on Westrail services requiring the hiring of 55 additional coaches. During the corresponding period in 1996 when the free travel restrictions applied, 33 891 people, including 418 pensioners, travelled requiring the hiring of an additional 9 coaches only, resulting in a cost savings of \$50 592.

Extrapolating this figure out over the entire year and making adjustment for seasonal variations, Westrail estimate savings on additional coach hire after the imposition of the Free Travel Voucher restriction to be in the order of \$202 400 (*Drabble*, 1995).

A complete list of figures showing the number of pensioner free and other concession journeys, the total passengers journeys and the number and cost of additional coach hire for each day of holiday periods from the beginning of 1995 to the end of June 1996 is attached at Appendix VI.

It has also been suggested to the Committee that, in practical terms, the effect of the restriction on pensioners will be limited to the beginning and end of each holiday period when demand is high (*Drabble*, 1995). The Commissioner of Westrail argued that school children and university students make up a large percentage of passengers travelling on those days as they return to and from school during term vacation. Accordingly, it has been claimed that the restriction on Free Travel Vouchers will not substantially affect pensioners who will be able to travel on standby a few days before or after the peak demand of the holiday period.⁴

⁴ However, the Committee noted that figures detailing the number of passengers travelling on Westrail services during holiday periods showed that, while demand usually peaked early in the holiday periods, there was no noticeable reduction in passenger numbers in the interim. For example, during the period 1 January-1 February 1995 which constitutes the middle period of the Christmas vacation, demand for rail services exceeded normal supply on 18 out of 31 days. For the corresponding period in 1996, this figure equalled 23 days out of 31. Even

On the basis of the arguments outlined above, the Minister for Transport, the Minister for Seniors and the Commissioner for Westrail have all submitted to the Committee that a return to unrestricted Free Travel Vouchers cannot be justified.

3.2 Pensioner's Concerns

The current petition is specifically framed in terms of the effect that restricting the use by pensioners of their Free Travel Vouchers will have on family contacts and reunions, particularly during Christmas, Easter and the New Year.

Of the submissions received by the Committee, over 80% of respondents informed the Committee that they used, or intended to use, their Free Travel Voucher for family purposes, particularly the aged pensioners wishing to visit their grandchildren. One submission made to the Committee that was representative of the views expressed by pensioners suggested that "the withdrawal of the free travel concession at holiday times will do considerable damage to the welfare of the family" (*Hayler Submission, 1996*).

The restriction on the use of Free Travel Vouchers during school holidays was heavily criticised by pensioners to whom the Committee spoke. The prime concern was that school holidays were often the only time at which grandparents could see their grandchildren. Many petitioners, particularly single mothers, suggested that they would be unable to travel at any other time.

In relation to the standby arrangement where unsold seats are available for free travel on 24 hours standby, the Committee was very concerned by the fact that almost half of the pensioners who made submissions did not know of the existence of this arrangement. Nearly all pensioners agreed that a 24 hour standby period was not sufficient.

The other family issue which arose during the Committee's deliberations was the provision of informal child care services by grandparents during the school holidays. As more women are participating in the workforce, the issues of balancing working lives with family commitments are becoming more pressing. According to statistics obtained by the Committee, four in ten women in the Australian workforce have dependant children.⁵

For parents in the workplace, child care is a particular concern when their children are sick or during school holidays. It has been established that grandparents are the main backstop for families juggling work and child rearing. In 85 per cent of families, grandparents provide informal child care services at various times, but particularly during the school holidays (*Glezer, 1991*).

Thus, it is apparent from these statistics and from the evidence gathered by the Committee that there is a real apprehension that the restriction on Free Travel Vouchers may affect the

after the imposition of the restriction, the figures demonstrate that there is no definite reduction in demand for Westrail services in the middle of a holiday period.

⁵ See Helen Glezer, "Juggling Work and Family Commitments" in the Australian Institute of Family Studies, April 1991, pp6-10.

ability of some aged pensioners to provide badly needed child care support to their children and grandchildren. It is also apparent that this restriction may also result in:

1. the need to provide additional child care facilities during school holidays; and
2. an adverse effect on family unity and inter-generational contact.

The Committee believes that these issues are important and should be given due consideration in making a decision on the validity of the restriction on the Free Travel Vouchers.

3.3 Further Pensioner Concerns

In addition to the concerns relating to family reunion, the Committee was also informed of a variety of other concerns with regard to the restriction on the Free Travel Voucher. These concerns were:

1. the need for an exemption on the Free Travel Voucher restriction in the event of a bone fide medical or family emergency;
2. the 24 hour standby period was not considered to be of sufficient length for pensioners, especially the aged, to arrange their travel plans;
3. the fact that the restriction period included some gazetted school days was seen by many pensioners as an unfair expansion of the restriction;
4. a number of pensioners submitted that, even with the usual 50% concession, it was very difficult on a pension to afford to travel on Westrail other than by using their Free Travel Voucher. Thus, the ability of many pensioners to travel on Westrail was severely compromised by the imposition of this restriction;
5. many petitioners, particularly single parent pensioners, expressed concern that, as the Free Travel Voucher does not cover dependants, it was virtually impossible for some pensioners to take advantage of their Free Travel Voucher at any time during the year, let alone during the peak demand seasons; and
6. some pensioners also suggested that, as qualification for State travel entitlements is dependant on a Commonwealth pension card, the Free Travel Voucher should be extended to include inter-state travel.

3.4 Notification to Pensioners concerning Entitlements

The Committee has noted with some concern that many pensioners appear to be uncertain about the entitlements attaching to the Free Travel Voucher and that information about the scheme is not readily available or easy to understand. The Committee is even more perturbed by a number of complaints it has received from pensioners alleging that they had been given incorrect information or advice by local Westrail officers.

The Committee was advised by Westrail that a flyer detailing the Free Travel Voucher scheme had been distributed to most of the Commonwealth and State agencies dealing with pensioners and that an advertisement had been placed in various country and metropolitan media. The Commissioner also noted that when the Departments of Social Security and Veteran's Affairs send out their pensioner cards, they include advice of what entitlements are available on Westrail (*Drabble, 1996*).

Nonetheless, the Commissioner acknowledged that many pensioners are either unaware of their entitlements or do not understand the conditions which attach to them. During his appearance before the Committee, the Commissioner stated that:

"In hindsight, the issue of information was not as well done as it could have been; therefore, some wrong views have been held about how restrictive the scheme will be."

While the Committee accepts that it is not the sole responsibility of Westrail to disseminate information about the Free Travel Voucher, it is noted that the Department of Transport produces and distributes a special pamphlet on its concessions for pensioners living above the 26th parallel (see section 3.5 below). Accordingly, the Committee has recommended that Westrail produce a similar brochure to improve understanding of the scheme. The Commissioner has signalled his willingness to comply with this recommendation.

3.5 Department of Transport Free Travel Entitlement for Pensioners Living Above 26th Parallel

During the course of its deliberations, the Committee also examined the pensioner concessions offered by the Department of Transport ("Department") in Western Australia.

The Department offers pensioners a number of travel concessions, including:

1. 50% bus, train and ferry concession fares; and
2. One free return journey, by coach or air, to Perth or the South West Land Division (provided the fare is not greater than that to Perth) for permanent residents who have lived in WA north of the 26th parallel continuously for 2 years or more.

The 26th parallel scheme administered by the Department provides the equivalent of one free return trip by either bus or air travel for permanent residents who hold a pensioner concession card issued by the Department of Social Security. This travel may be undertaken on regular public transport or a private carrier without prescription, except that a pensioner may not charter an aircraft. The Department pays for the full cost of travel.

The principal reason for the introduction of this scheme was to match the entitlement from Westrail which is available to pensioners living in the south of the State. During 1994/95, 1 600 free trips were approved under this scheme at an approximate cost of \$1 million.

The Committee notes that there is no restriction on this scheme during holiday periods.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The Committee has been asked to consider an objection to the restricted use by pensioners of their Westrail Free Travel Voucher. The restriction effectively prevents free travel by pensioners during defined holiday periods, except under a 24 hour standby arrangement.

The Committee has received a number of submissions on this restriction from both sides of the debate. Westrail, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Seniors argue that the cost of unrestricted free travel by pensioners was becoming excessive. The petitioners assert that travel during school holidays is often necessary to maintain vital family contacts and to provide care for children.

It has been suggested that this restriction will result in substantial savings on additional coach hire during times of peak demand without severely affecting the ability of pensioners to travel during holiday periods.

During his appearance before the Committee, the Commissioner of Westrail maintained that pensioners would be able to travel on standby in the middle of the holiday periods because excessive demand is limited to the beginning and end of each school holiday period when students travel between home and school. He also suggested that the pre-Christmas demand was similar, only reaching a maximum loading in the week prior to Christmas. The Commissioner stated:

“It [demand] peaks at the end of the school term and again at the commencement of the new term. In between those periods, it is relatively flat...school leavers want to return to country locations over two days. It is either one or two days at the beginning of the vacation and one day at the end because they all tend to want to return on the same day...It is very much the same situation [at Christmas time]. Loading prior to Christmas tends to be uniform in the week before Christmas. People like to reach their destination prior to Christmas Day, and that tends to be reasonably distributed over the week prior to Christmas. Access is not a major issue prior to Christmas. At the beginning of the school holiday period it is the same phenomenon.” (Drabble Transcript, pp.3-4)

In light of these statements, the Committee can see no real need or justification for restricting free travel by pensioners over the entire holiday period. The Committee therefore recommends that:

1. the Free Travel Vouchers should only be restricted for two (2) days at the beginning and two (2) days at the end of each holiday period;

2. these restricted days are to be nominated or gazetted by Westrail well in advance and that information concerning the restriction is well publicised; and
3. the current 24 hour standby arrangement should be maintained for the four (4) restricted days of each holiday period.

The Committee is of the opinion that this compromise represents the best balance between cost efficiency and the proper provision of travel benefits to pensioners as it allows services during "peak" times to be devoted to fare-paying passengers. At the same time, pensioners can still be guaranteed an ability to travel during holiday periods.

APPENDIX I

The Committee met with the following persons to discuss the restriction of use by pensioners of the Free Travel Voucher:

Mr Ross Drabble, Commissioner of Westrail.

Mr Martin White, Acting Co-Ordinator, Service Development and Standards, Department of Transport.

Mr Malvin Pascoe, Acting Director, Regional Transport Service Co-Ordination, Department of Transport.

Mrs Alice Mazzarol, Zone Chairman, Zone 108 WA, National Seniors Association.

Mrs Rosemary Charseley, Branch Development Officer, National Seniors Association.

REFERENCES

Helen Glezer, "Juggling Work and Family Commitments" in the Australian Institute of Family Studies, April 1991, pp6-10.

APPENDIX II



STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AND STATUTES REVISION

Restriction on Free Rail Travel Entitlements for Pensioners

The Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Statutes Revision has commenced an inquiry into a petition objecting to the State Government's decision to restrict the use by pensioners of their one free Westrail entitlement during holiday periods.

Interested persons are invited to make a short oral or written submission to the Committee by no later than Monday, 22 July 1996. Any person wishing to meet with the Committee in support of an oral or written submission should make that request in their submission.

All inquiries or oral submissions should be made to:

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30. Mrs I Butler
31. Mr Waldock
32. Mr AM Bilick JP
33. Mr N Dalglish

APPENDIX V

Breakdown of concession fare travel journeys since 1989/90

Year ended June 30	Pensioner Free	Pensioner Concession	Seniors Concession	Unemployed Concession	Total Concession	% of Total Concession to Total Patronage	Total Patronage
1990	57 942	51 431	12 375	0	121 748	28	420 754
1991	62 388	48 809	14 571	0	125 768	29	424 261
1992	65 011	48 400	15 112	0	128 523	30	418 813
1993	66 282	52 258	14 923	5 127	138 590	32	426 214
1994	72 065	57 619	12 006	37 330	179 020	38	461 397
1995	78 880	62 357	11 736	44 408	197 381	41	476 043
1996	86 436	68 771	12 372	43 030	210 609	40	523 976

APPENDIX VI

1995 New Year Vacation

	Fare paying passenger journeys	Pensioner Free Journeys	Total Passenger Journeys	Additional Coaches Hired	Cost of Coach Hire
01 Jan	672	69	741		
02 Jan	1484	141	1625	1	\$1 165
03 Jan	1470	177	1647		
04 Jan	1429	134	1563	1	\$1 165
05 Jan	1499	179	1678	1	\$583
06 Jan	1937	204	2141	2	\$1163
07 Jan	1154	135	1289	2	\$1730
08 Jan	1025	90	1115		
09 Jan	1660	173	1833	2	\$2240
10 Jan	1511	158	1669	1	\$1090
11 Jan	1377	113	1490	1	\$1150
12 Jan	1558	159	1717	1	\$575
13 Jan	2183	230	2413	4	\$3918
14 Jan	1279	116	1395	1	\$1090
15 Jan	1009	64	1073		
16 Jan	1402	193	1595		
17 Jan	1382	184	1566		
18 Jan	1474	164	1638	2	\$2240
19 Jan	1533	165	1698		
20 Jan	2110	242	2352	2	\$2240
21 Jan	1198	140	1338	1	\$550
22 Jan	960	84	1044	1	\$722
23 Jan	1376	214	1590		
24 Jan	1375	135	1510	1	\$460
25 Jan	1420	150	1570	2	\$1550
26 Jan	1359	167	1526		
27 Jan	1857	236	2093		
28 Jan	1066	151	1217	1	\$1090
29 Jan	959	88	1047		
30 Jan	1125	137	1262		
31 Jan	883	158	1041		
	42726	4750	47476	27	\$24719

1995 Easter/1st Term Vacation

	Fare paying passenger journeys	Pensioner Free Journeys	Total Passenger Journeys	Additional Coaches Hired	Cost of Coach Hire
13 Apr	2694	335	3019	12	\$13866
14 Apr	1358	191	1549	6	\$7930
15 Apr	983	102	1085		
16 Apr	736	58	794		
17 Apr	1836	244	2080	1	\$1150
18 Apr	1813	282	2095	2	\$1826
19 Apr	1640	196	1836	2	\$2090
20 Apr	1807	318	2125	2	\$2240
21 Apr	2476	284	2760	5	\$5114
22 Apr	1475	175	1650	3	\$2240
23 Apr	1245	124	1369	2	\$850
24 Apr	1574	274	1848	1	\$1090
25 Apr	1479	192	1671		
26 Apr	1622	180	1802	3	\$3390
27 Apr	1746	214	1960	1	\$1150
28 Apr	2299	265	2564	5	\$5570
29 Apr	1395	168	1563	3	\$4120
30 Apr	1193	135	1328	1	\$1168
01 May	1377	314	1691	6	\$8790
	30738	4051	34789	55	62584

1995 2nd Term Vacation

	Fare paying passenger journeys	Pensioner Free Journeys	Total Passenger Journeys	Additional Coaches Hired	Cost of Coach Hire
07 Jul	1994	160	2154	3	\$4803
08 Jul	1240	112	1352		
09 Jul	1151	65	1216		
10 Jul	1735	160	1895	2	\$1011
11 Jul	1492	132	1624	4	\$2312
12 Jul	1518	149	1667	2	\$1318
13 Jul	1749	149	1898	2	\$1370
14 Jul	2302	217	2519	5	\$2993
15 Jul	1387	121	1508	2	\$1623
16 Jul	1239	104	1343		
17 Jul	1706	157	1863	2	\$1028
18 Jul	1680	189	1869	3	\$1549

	Fare paying passenger journeys	Pensioner Free Journeys	Total Passenger Journeys	Additional Coaches Hired	Cost of Coach Hire
19 Jul	1647	166	1813	3	\$1717
20 Jul	1712	198	1910	3	\$1674
21 Jul	2228	240	2468	6	\$3965
22 Jul	1381	124	1505	3	\$1882
23 Jul	1133	83	1216		
24 Jul	1214	216	1430	4	\$3418
	28508	2742	31250	44	\$30662

1995 3rd Term Vacation

	Fare paying passenger journeys	Pensioner Free Journeys	Total Passenger Journeys	Additional Coaches Hired	Cost of Coach Hire
29 Sep	2461	476	2937	7	\$6322
30 Sep	1458	237	1695	4	\$4072
01 Oct	1074	98	1172		
02 Oct	2109	328	2437	3	\$2631
03 Oct	1708	348	2056	4	\$3359
04 Oct	1779	249	2028	2	\$1434
05 Oct	1890	319	2209	2	\$2051
06 Oct	2614	414	3028	7	\$5446
07 Oct	1519	189	1708	4	\$3261
08 Oct	1350	114	1464		
09 Oct	1966	406	2372	6	\$6128
10 Oct	1572	308	1880	3	\$2381
11 Oct	1719	325	2044	3	\$2510
12 Oct	1869	303	2172	4	\$3865
13 Oct	2575	389	2964	9	\$10291
14 Oct	1390	196	1586	5	\$4577
15 Oct	1172	201	1373	3	\$3781
16 Oct	1581	490	2071	4	\$3984
	31806	5390	37196	70	\$66092

1995 End of Year Christmas Vacation

	Fare paying passenger journeys	Pensioner Free Journeys	Total Passenger Journeys	Additional Coaches Hired	Cost of Coach Hire
18 Dec	1470	682	2152	4	\$3842

	Fare paying passenger journeys	Pensioner Free Journeys	Total Passenger Journeys	Additional Coaches Hired	Cost of Coach Hire
19 Dec	1226	575	1801	3	\$3992
20 Dec	1382	541	1923	4	\$3495
21 Dec	1454	537	1991	5	\$4985
22 Dec	2367	572	2939	7	\$5918
23 Dec	1466	331	1797	4	\$5239
24 Dec	930	211	1141		
26 Dec	1486	350	1836		
27 Dec	1552	729	2281	4	\$4004
28 Dec	1441	761	2202	2	\$2097
29 Dec	1956	930	2886	3	\$2397
30 Dec	1217	602	1819	1	\$1056
31 Dec	844	287	1131		
	18791	7108	25899	37	\$37025

1996 New Year Vacation

	Fare paying passenger journeys	Pensioner Free Journeys	Total Passenger Journeys	Additional Coaches Hired	Cost of Coach Hire
01 Jan	1371	145	1516	1	\$170
02 Jan	1705	205	1910	2	\$838
03 Jan	1656	242	1898	1	\$668
04 Jan	1491	164	1655		
05 Jan	2113	236	2349	1	\$1055
06 Jan	1358	136	1494	1	\$1055
07 Jan	1187	95	1282		
08 Jan	1707	181	1888		
09 Jan	1354	143	1497		
10 Jan	1702	173	1875	1	\$716
11 Jan	1646	169	1815	2	\$1371
12 Jan	2314	240	2554	1	\$655
13 Jan	1336	114	1450	2	\$1340
14 Jan	1161	116	1277	3	\$5277
15 Jan	1738	187	1925	4	\$6021
16 Jan	1521	179	1700	4	\$3403
17 Jan	1682	197	1879	3	\$2151
18 Jan	1529	152	1681	2	\$2151

	Fare paying passenger journeys	Pensioner Free Journeys	Total Passenger Journeys	Additional Coaches Hired	Cost of Coach Hire
19 Jan	2424	254	2678	4	\$4822
20 Jan	1289	130	1419	1	\$1762
21 Jan	1149	101	1250		
22 Jan	1676	206	1882	2	\$1513
23 Jan	1458	153	1611	3	\$2933
24 Jan	1618	187	1805		
25 Jan	1737	241	1978	1	\$688
26 Jan	1510	198	1708	3	\$3339
27 Jan	1143	114	1257	2	\$1326
28 Jan	1226	119	1345	1	\$671
29 Jan	1524	199	1723	2	\$1900
30 Jan	1082	118	1200		
31 Jan	1022	119	1141		
	47429	5213	52642	47	\$45824

1996 Easter/1st Term Vacation

	Fare paying passenger journeys	Pensioner Free Journeys	Total Passenger Journeys	Additional Coaches Hired	Cost of Coach Hire
04 Apr	2827	20	2847	5	\$6436
05 Apr	1537	46	1583	1	\$2064
06 Apr	1158	14	1172		
07 Apr	830	10	840		
08 Apr	2015	30	2045		
09 Apr	1950	28	1978		
10 Apr	1871	17	1888		
11 Apr	2036	7	2043	1	\$1311
12 Apr	2668	19	2687		
13 Apr	1502	23	1525		
14 Apr	1361	2	1363		
15 Apr	1303	12	1315		
16 Apr	1702	26	1728		
17 Apr	1885	10	1895		
18 Apr	1869	23	1892		
19 Apr	2607	37	2644	2	\$2181
20 Apr	1387	11	1398		

	Fare paying passenger journeys	Pensioner Free Journeys	Total Passenger Journeys	Additional Coaches Hired	Cost of Coach Hire
21 Apr	1344	6	1350		
22 Apr	1621	77	1698		
	33473	418	33891	9	\$11992

APPENDIX VII

LIST OF REPORTS

1. Report regarding a petition seeking legislation on various aspects of substantive law and procedural law relating to sex offences against children.
2. Interim report into links between Government agencies and the failed Western Women Group.
3. Second interim report into links between Government agencies and the failed Western Women Group.
4. Report regarding a petition requesting the Legislative Council to investigate whether the proposed dissolution of the City of Perth contravenes the Constitution Act 1889 or any other Act or Statute.
5. Report in relation to a petition requesting the ban on the use of fishing nets (other than prawn drag nets and throw nets) for recreational fishing in the Pilbara region and the phasing out of certain professional licence endorsements.
6. Report in relation to a petition concerning the export of iron ore through Esperance.
7. Report in relation to a petition concerning the town of Wittenoom.
8. Overview of Petitions: April 1993 - March 1994.
9. Overview of Petitions: May 1994 - December 1994.
10. Report in relation to a petition regarding the Port Kennedy Development.
11. Report in relation to the Electronic Availability of Statutes.
12. Report in relation to a petition regarding the Swan Valley and Whiteman Park.
13. Report in relation to a petition regarding the Sewerage System.