



## Minister for Transport; Housing; Emergency Services

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Hon Brian Ellis MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Legislative Council Western Australia  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Ellis

Thank you for your letter of 13 March 2012 requesting further information on passenger demand for direct travel between Ellenbrook and Midland.

For the month of November 2011, 16,975 passenger journeys originating in the Ellenbrook/Aveley area were recorded on Transperth services. Approximately 36% of journeys saw passengers disembarking at Ellenbrook, with a further 38% representing journeys to Bassendean, including connecting services to Morley and Perth. Midland only accounted for 4% of journeys from Ellenbrook/Aveley.

These origin/destination figures, extracted predominantly from the Transperth SmartRider system, indicate that feeder services within Ellenbrook and services to Perth and Morley are the highest area of demand and hence where Transperth should invest any available resources. In this respect, Transperth has recently increased the frequency on Route 955 and 956 and also introduced the Route 337 service from Aveley to Ellenbrook.

The patronage on Route 335, which currently runs from Ellenbrook to Midland, has been examined by Transperth, who have identified that student fares make up the largest portion of passengers travelling on this service, accounting for approximately 90% of all boardings. The majority of the demand for a service between Ellenbrook and Midland is therefore from school children, with other passengers being more inclined to travel to Perth, Morley or within Ellenbrook.

Transperth will continue to monitor demand and growth in the Ellenbrook/Aveley area in order to ensure that the public transport services continue to meet community needs.

Thank you for taking the time to raise this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT; HOUSING; EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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