

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE, IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW RATES

673. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the minister representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (1) Why has the implementation of the new rates as recommended by the school bus task force been delayed?
- (2) How does the Gallop Government intend to provide school bus owners with enough security of tenure to ensure the continuation of a safe and reliable service?

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1) The school bus task force chaired by Dianne Guise MLA is continuing to meet to finalise its report. This report will then be submitted to the minister assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.
- (2) The current memorandum of agreements and contracts with school bus owner operators provide for security of tenure as long as there is an ongoing need for the service. These arrangements also provide for twice-yearly inspections of the vehicle and other standards that ensure the safe transportation of children.