

TRANSWA — ROAD COACHES

**503. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Minister for Transport's media statement of 15 August 2014, titled "New road coaches for regional passengers".

- (1) Have all of the eight new road coaches to be bought in 2014–15 been delivered?
- (2) If no to (1), when will these new road coaches be delivered?
- (3) When are the eight new road coaches to be bought in 2015–16 expected to be delivered?
- (4) Which routes will the first eight new coaches service?

**Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:**

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport, I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No.
- (2) The road coach procurement contract, which the delivery schedule is part of, is in the process of being signed by the preferred supplier. Once the contract is signed, the supplier has two months to formally frame and present to Transwa a delivery schedule. It should be noted, however, that Transwa has have expressed to the supplier that it requires 11 road coaches to be delivered in the 2015–16 financial year.
- (3) With the delay in the contractual negotiations and hence the contract award, the proposed three-year delivery schedule has been compressed to a two-year delivery schedule ending 30 June 2017. Therefore, all road coaches will be delivered by the original scheduled due date. There will be 11 road coaches delivered in the 2015–16 financial year and 12 road coaches delivered in the 2016–17 financial year.
- (4) The new road coaches will initially service major Transwa routes, which include Perth–Geraldton via Eneabba, Perth–Albany via Williams, Perth–Esperance, and Perth–Augusta via Bunbury. Once the drivers are comfortable with the operation of the new road coaches, the area of operation will expand to all Transwa-operated routes.