

BUSSELTON-YALLINGUP STEINER SCHOOL BUS ROUTE, REPLACEMENT BUS

574. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (1) Has the Department for Planning and Infrastructure refused to authorise a replacement bus for the Busselton to Yallingup Steiner School route?
- (2) If so, why, when the present 10-year-old 28-seat bus will not be able to meet the demand of 45 students next year?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) At present there is a hold on any bus replacements pending finalisation of new arrangements for the school bus industry, which was signed off by Cabinet earlier this year. The Department for Planning and Infrastructure has offered to provide a shuttle service for the overload until direction is given to order a new vehicle. This will mean that in the morning, students will spend extra time of approximately 10 minutes on the bus from Tuesday to Friday.