

AIR MAURITIUS, BENEFITS OF USE TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1120. Mr Graham to the Premier

- (1) In what way does enabling Air Mauritius to carry domestic passengers assist 'in restoring and ultimately improving air services throughout Western Australia'?
- (2) Will State Government departments and employees be directed to use Air Mauritius?
- (3) If the answer to (2) is yes -
 - (a) what benefits will that direction bring to the State;
 - (b) how will those benefits manifest themselves; and
 - (c) how will those benefits be quantified?

Dr GALLOP replied:

- (1) The Government supported the temporary relaxation of cabotage on international air services immediately after the grounding of Ansett to replace lost capacity on East-West routes. Allowing Air Mauritius to carry domestic passengers on the East-West route was not intended to assist intrastate services.
- (2) No
- (3) Not applicable