

TRANSPORT SYSTEM, BALLAJURA

283. Mr J.B. D'Orazio to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Will the Minister advise of any improvements to the public transport system in Ballajura as a result of the transport forum held in Ballajura?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

On 16 March 2003 public transport services in Ballajura will be significantly improved when Transperth implements a number of service changes as identified by residents at a transport forum held on the evening of Monday, 19 August 2002. The changes will see the existing route 51 service being replaced by a new and improved route 344 service aimed at strengthening the link for residents of Ballajura to Morley and Warwick. The improvements offered by the new 344 service include:

A more direct link between Ballajura and Morley Bus Station for residents of north-west Ballajura. This improved service will also link residents in south-east Ballajura to Morley Bus Station where previously the only service in this area took residents directly in to Perth via Alexander Drive.

A service with improved frequencies in the peak and off-peak periods throughout the day. Peak services will increase from the current average of around 30 minutes to a bus every 20 minutes for the morning and afternoon peak times to cater for commuters. Off-peak services will increase from approximately every 90 minutes to an hourly service throughout the day.

A merging of the old route 51 and route 368 services to provide a direct link for the residents of Ballajura to Warwick Train Station, Monday to Friday, during the off peak period. In addition this link will be provided through the bulk of the day on Saturdays where previously this option was not available to any residents of Ballajura.

Two additional buses will operate early on weekday mornings from Ballajura to Morley Bus Station to improve the public transport options for commuters wishing to travel between 6.00 am and 7.00 am.

Two additional night buses will operate from Morley Bus Station to Ballajura on Thursday and Friday nights providing access to Ballajura later into the evening on public transport. The main focus of these buses is to cater for residents who may wish to access late night shopping and movie facilities at Morley Galleria.