

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE - DUNSBOROUGH

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

I refer to the school bus service for Dunsborough and surrounding areas.

- (1) How many people are registered to be picked up by the Dunsborough-Yallingup bus, and how many people is the bus approved to carry?
- (2) How many people are currently on the waiting list for the Dunsborough-Yallingup school bus service?
- (3) How many people are registered to be picked up by the Vasse-Yallingup bus, and how many people is the bus approved to carry?
- (4) Are there any plans to address the shortages in school transport for the abovementioned bus runs?
- (5) If so, what will these changes be and when will they be implemented?

**Hon ADELE FARINA replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Dunsborough-Yallingup service is operated by a C-class school bus that is authorised to carry 76 students.
- (2) Four.
- (3) The Vasse-Yallingup service is operated by a C-class school bus that is authorised to carry 70 students.
- (4) All students who are eligible for transport assistance and who are on a waiting list will continue to be paid a conveyance allowance, in accordance with student transport policy. With the staged implementation of seatbelts on school buses, there will be a requirement to provide additional buses on these services.
- (5) To determine whether additional buses will be provided instead of a conveyance allowance, the demand for student travel in this area will be considered along with other demands for school bus service growth. Notwithstanding this, additional buses will be in service before the end of 2010, in accordance with government direction. The Public Transport Authority is currently developing the rollout of new services for the whole state in order to meet this deadline.