

PUBLIC TRANSPORT — TWO-ZONE FARE CAP

1767. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the State Governments earlier decision to consolidate public transport fares via the 2-zone fare cap policy, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide data from the last 12 months on the take up of this policy for patrons travelling distances equivalent to 3 to 9 zones inclusive;
- (b) what has been the additional cost to the Government of implementing the policy over this period; and
- (c) how is the financial impact of the policy recorded for accounting purposes, for example, is it recorded against the public transport operating subsidy?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

- (a) Over the 12 months to October 2023, an estimated 13.986 million 3-to-9 zone journeys were taken on Transperth services, a 27 per cent increase on the 12 months to October 2022.
- (b)–(c) Lower fare revenue is recognised in the Public Transport Authority Income Statement.