

REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES UPGRADE, NORTH WEST

454. Mr L. Graham to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the \$70 million upgrade to the State's regional public transport services announced in October 2001 and ask: -

- (a) how much of the \$70 is to be spent on programs in North West of the State;
- (b) in which towns and communities will the funds be spent;
- (c) who will be responsible for administering the funds; and
- (d) when will the programs commence operation in each town referred to above?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

(a)-(d) While the North-West was not a beneficiary of the package, members will be pleased to learn of publicly funded transport activity in his region. For the current calendar year we will spend the following.

Air services subsidies in the Pilbara - approximately \$ 385,000

Air fare subsidy for students in Pilbara - approx \$ 690,000

School Bus services for students in the Pilbara - approx \$ 980,000

Town bus services in the Pilbara - approx \$ 890,000

Total for Pilbara : approx \$ 2.945m