

- (2) Are there any regulations governing the standard of motor vehicles used by driving schools?

Mr OMODEI replied:

The Hon Minister for Transport has provided the following response:

- (1) Persons operating as a driving instructor are required to hold a licence under the Motor Vehicle Drivers Instructors Act 1963. Government is phasing in a requirement for instructors to obtain a Certificate III qualification in driving instruction.
- (2) Yes. Vehicles used for driving instruction are required to conform to the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 1975. In addition, these vehicles are required to be inspected annually.

AVONLINK, PASSENGER NUMBERS AND COSTS

371. Ms MacTIERNAN to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What was the average number of passengers that used the *AvonLink* in the 1998-99 financial year on -
 - (a) weekdays; and
 - (b) Saturdays?
- (2) How many Avon services were/are provided on -
 - (a) weekdays; and
 - (b) Saturdays?
- (3) What was the total cost to Westrail of running the *AvonLink* services during the 1998-99 financial year?
- (4) What were the total fares collected by Westrail for those services?

Mr OMODEI replied:

The Hon Minister for Transport has provided the following response:

- (1)
 - (a) An average of 26.64 passengers per service. It should be noted that two additional *AvonLink* services were introduced each Tuesday and Thursday in March 1999 resulting in a reduction in the average number of passengers travelling per service during the 1998/1999 financial year compared to the previous financial year. The actual number of *AvonLink* passengers for the 1998/1999 year increased by 2 628 over the previous financial year.
 - (b) An average of 9.56 passengers per service up to 20 March 1999 when the Saturday *AvonLink* services were withdrawn. Although the dedicated Saturday *AvonLink* services have been withdrawn, two *Prospector* services continue to provide services for passengers each Saturday between Northam and Perth. These services previously operated as combined *AvonLink/Prospector* services. For the 1998/1999 financial year the average number of passengers who travelled between Northam and Perth on each of the Saturday *Prospector* services was 14.24.
- (2)
 - (a)

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays	2 services daily.
Tuesdays and Thursdays	4 services daily.
 - (b) Two *AvonLink* services operated each Saturday up to 20 March 1999. Saturday *AvonLink* services were withdrawn from that date.
- (3) Separate costs for operating the *Prospector* and *AvonLink* services were not identified in Westrail's accounting system for the financial year 1998/1999 and I am therefore unable to provide this information. However, from 1 July 1999 separate costs for each service are identified in Westrail's accounting system and will be available in the future.
- (4) Based on a sample of passengers who travelled on the *AvonLink* services between 1 March 1999 and 30 June 1999, it is estimated that the total fares for the *AvonLink* services for the 1998/1999 financial year were approximately \$79 150.

ROE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION, SPENCER ROAD REALIGNMENT

383. Ms McHALE to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the construction of the Roe Highway and ask, will the Minister confirm that Main Roads Western Australia will ensure that Spencer Road is realigned over the Roe Highway?

Mr OMODEI replied:

The Hon Minister for Transport has provided the following response:

Yes. As part of Stage 5 of the Roe Highway extension, a bridge will be constructed on Spencer Road over Roe Highway.