

BUSES, GAS CONVERSION

**88. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the Minister for Transport:**

Further to my question on notice of Wednesday, 16 August 2000, in particular, the answer to part (3), I ask -

- (1)
  - (a) Who is paying the cost of converting the three DaimlerChrysler - formerly Mercedes - bus engines to compressed natural gas?
  - (b) What is the total value of this contract and has the cost been subsidised by the Australian Greenhouse Office?
- (2) What is the total value of the existing contract between the Department of Transport and Advanced Engine components - or Transcom - to convert 100 Renault buses to CNG?

**Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) This Government remains committed to evaluating all fuel options for our public transport. Currently it is evaluating ultra-low sulphur diesel, compressed natural gas and hydrogen fuel cells. Financial details of the new compressed natural gas conversion program are currently being completed between the Department of Transport, DaimlerChrysler and the Australian Greenhouse Office and will remain commercially confidential until finalisation in the near future. At that time, I will be in a position to inform the member on this matter.