

PUBLIC TRANSPORT — FARES

803. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I originally submitted this question to the representative of the Treasurer, but despite making comments on radio this morning, he does not seem to want to answer the question, so it has now been directed to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the 2012–13 budget paper No 3 announced a 10c increase in the Public Transport Authority's standard two-zone fare from 1 July 2012?
- (2) Can the minister confirm that the standard two-zone fare increased by 20c on 1 July 2012?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that the additional 10c increase was due to the introduction of the carbon tax?
- (4) Can the minister explain why the government is not reducing the standard two-zone fare by 10c now that the carbon tax has been removed?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1)–(3) The Transperth 2012–13 fares were increased by the projected inflation rate of 2.8 per cent and an additional 1.5 per cent to recover the estimated cost of the carbon tax, which is a total of 4.3 per cent, rounded to the nearest 10c. This led to a standard two-zone fare increasing by 20c from \$3.80 to \$4 on 1 July 2012.
- (4) The government is currently working with the Public Transport Authority to determine forecast operational savings as a result of the removal of the carbon tax to determine the appropriate quantum to be passed through to public transport users through a reduction in fare prices. The value of any fare reduction will be applied as a percentage decrease in line with normal fare adjustments and be rounded to the nearest 10c.