

METRO AREA EXPRESS LIGHT RAIL — REPLACEMENT BUS SYSTEM

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

I refer to the \$1.2 billion estimated cost of a bus rapid transit system to replace Metro Area Express light rail.

- (1) Is the \$1.2 billion figure escalated?
- (2) If yes to (1), to what year is it escalated?
- (3) What is the un-escalated cost of a BRT, and in what year dollars was it calculated?

**Hon JIM CHOWN replied:**

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

- (1)–(3) As the minister has previously advised, preliminary analysis suggests that the government should further consider a like-for-like bus rapid transit solution. This analysis will be reviewed by government, as it would be remiss not to investigate if the same service can be provided at a significantly lower cost.