

BUSES, STUDY ON RUNNING COSTS OF CNG BUSES

784. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Transport:

Further to question without notice 635 of November 24 1999 -

- (1) Has Ernst and Young reported to the Department of Transport on the running costs of CNG buses?
- (2) If so, will the Minister table a copy of their findings?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1) A combination of studies were required to assess the impact of fuel price rises and the impact of GST. Ernst and Young were engaged to provide advice in relation to the effects of GST on fuel prices only. However, Booz Allen and Hamilton were engaged to update the financial comparison of Transperth diesel and CNG buses. This work was based on work originally undertaken by NELA (Nelson, English, Foxton and Andrews Pty Ltd) in December 1998.
- (2) Yes. [See paper No 381.]