

TRANSPORT — SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

**1075. Hon AMBER-JADE SANDERSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to orange school buses administered by School Bus Services.

- (1) How many times per year are safety inspections undertaken on each bus?
- (2) What, if any, changes to the number of inspections have been made in the last eight years?

**Hon JIM CHOWN replied:**

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

- (1) The current Public Transport Authority inspection regime is as follows: one annual vehicle inspection for all orange school buses that operate solely on bitumen roads; one annual vehicle inspection for orange school bus services when the amount of operation on unsealed road is less than 30 per cent of the total distance travelled—a second inspection will be undertaken if the first inspection identifies any issues; and two vehicle inspections per annum for all orange school bus services operating in harsh and extreme conditions.
- (2) The current inspection regime was introduced in September 2013. Prior to this time, all orange school buses were inspected twice a year.