

WELLINGTON STREET BUSPORT — BUS PLATFORM ALLOCATION SYSTEM

1329. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

Welcome back, member. I refer to the plan to use a dynamic bus platform allocation system at the new Wellington Street busport.

- (1) What will be the average time between a bus being allocated an available bay and the departure of that bus?
- (2) Will passengers be required to purchase cash fares prior to boarding a bus?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Does the minister have any concerns about the impact this system will have on seniors and those with mobility difficulties?
- (5) If yes to (4), how will these be addressed?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. I am happy to be back and happy to be acknowledged to be back by Hon Ken Travers.

- (1) It is envisaged that the average time will be approximately three to four minutes.
- (2) No.
- (3) Ticketing arrangements will be consistent with current practice, which allows passengers to purchase a cash ticket from the bus driver or use their SmartRider ticket.
- (4)–(5) Passengers will be informed of the relevant zone that they need to depart from prior to departure to minimise walking distances. Discussions have been held with access and inclusion reference groups to enable an education campaign to be developed to assist passengers to understand how the new system will operate prior to the commencement of the facility.