

COUNTRY BUS SERVICES

760. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the media release of 1 November 2013 by the member for Warren–Blackwood, following the minister’s review of the Transwa return coach services from Bunbury to Collie to Boyup Brook, in which he stated —

These services will be integrated with the Australind train timetable departing Bunbury Terminal.

- (1) How is a three-hour-and-45-minute wait at the Bunbury passenger terminal for the *Australind* to depart considered an integrated service?
- (2) When and with whom did the minister consult to develop the revised SW3 timetable that will run from Perth to Pemberton via Collie, Boyup Brook and Bridgetown, and in reverse?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

- (1)–(2) This is actually a good outcome for the Boyup Brook community. The member for Collie–Preston came into this place and grieved to me about an outcome like this on behalf of his constituents. I think it is a good outcome for his constituents. At the end of the day, as I explained to the member for Collie–Preston during that grievance—slowly and in short words—we have finite capacity to deal with transport issues right across the state. Ultimately, we have to make decisions to spread the taxpayer dollar allocated to Transwa, particularly across the southern areas of the state from Kalbarri south. As part of that, we have had to review some of the routes. Initially, the advice that came back was that the route that went from Bunbury to Collie to Boyup Brook should cease to operate. The member for Collie–Preston did a good job on behalf of his community articulating its concerns to me; the member for Warren–Blackwood did a similarly good job on behalf of his constituents. I think we have come up with a solution. Is it perfect? No. But the service has been reinstated, and we have had positive feedback from the communities that were impacted.