

TRANSPERTH — ROUTE 600 — MANDURAH–PINJARRA

1146. Hon SAMANTHA ROWE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to a complaint from a resident of north Pinjarra that the daily bus service from Mandurah to Pinjarra does not travel an extra five kilometres to service the residents of north Pinjarra.

- (1) Will the minister extend the current bus service to provide a bus transport option to north Pinjarra residents, many of whom are elderly and cannot travel to the existing bus route independently?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1)–(2) Transperth has no plans, nor resources, to extend the existing route 600 bus service to north Pinjarra. Any extension to north Pinjarra would add additional kilometres in each direction, with very little opportunity to attract further patronage. The route 600 bus service is presently one of Transperth's least-used services. Very low patronage means that rationalisation has occurred within the past two weeks. Further service rationalisation may be likely unless patronage grows. The current service, excluding student travel, is averaging only about three passengers per trip in the unique section of the route east of Coodanup.