

BUSES, NATURAL GAS POWERED

36. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the Minister for Transport:

In November 1999, the Minister for Transport told this House that the Mercedes-Benz motor company would provide Transperth with five multipoint fuel injected, compressed natural gas powered buses.

- (1) Has Mercedes-Benz provide Transperth with the five CNG fuel injected buses, as promised in 1999?
- (2) Can Mercedes provide the five buses as promised, and when will the buses be delivered?
- (3) Were Mercedes, the Minister for Transport and Transperth correct in saying that Mercedes had the technical capability to provide Transperth with five electronic fuel injected CNG powered buses, as claimed?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1)-(3) Transperth is in the process of carrying out experiments with the five engines on the compressed natural gas project, and it will compare the various gas arrangements in place to get a clear indication of the best method to use. We will also compare that with diesel fuel injection –

Hon Norm Kelly: I thought you had done that already.

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE: I said that we are in the process of carrying out the experiments with the five engines, and will continue with that until such time as we have a result. The Government will then announce the results of that experiment.