

PUBLIC TRANSPORT — DAYRIDER FARES

2931. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Are concession DayRider fares in zones 5–9 available from 8.30am because it is no longer deemed to be peak demand in these zones?
- (2) If yes to (1), can the Minister explain why seniors are not able to begin their free travel from 8.30am in zones 5-9?

**Hon Jim Chown replied:**

- (1)–(2) The availability of a cash concession DayRider fare at 8.30am in zones 5, 6, 7 and 8 stems from a Government decision in 2001, with the change implemented on 1 September 2001. The Liberal-National Government introduced seniors free travel in order to provide seniors this significant benefit, but it also adopted the appropriate policy setting to encourage this free travel take up outside the peak period so that assets are utilised more evenly over the day.