

MITSUBISHI BUS — INSPECTION AND LICENSING ISSUES

3102. Mr M.P. Murray to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the matter relating to the inspection and licensing of a Mitsubishi Bus, 1CFA629, belonging to Mr L. and Mrs Y. Drage, a matter which has been with the Minister's office since 3 July 2009. The last contact from the Minister's office was on 23 December 2009, advising that the matter was being given the Minister's consideration. I ask:

- (a) has the Minister given this matter his consideration yet; and
  - (i) if yes, what is the Minister's response;
- (b) what action will the Minister take to address the inconsistencies in the report;
- (c) does the Minister concede that the Department of Infrastructure made errors in their assessments of the vehicle; and
  - (i) if yes, what action will the Minister take to address this matter; and
- (d) what action will the Minister take to recompense Mr and Mrs Drage?

Mr M.J. COWPER replied:

- (a) Yes.
  - (i) There is no fault or negligence on the part of the Department of Transport or its officers.
- (b) The minister is not aware of any inconsistencies in the report.
- (c) No, as shown in the report provided by the Independent Inspector, Dr Ian MacLeod.
  - (i) Not applicable.
- (d) There is no basis whereby the government could provide any material assistance to Mr and Mrs Drage.