

AIR SERVICE — PERTH TO GERALDTON

5649. Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Can the Minister advise if any tenders to operate a second airline between Perth and Geraldton have been received?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the successful tenderer would be given competitive flight schedules to create fair competition between it and the existing operator Skywest?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

(1)&(2) No tenders were received.

- (3) Airlines have been advised that the Minister is prepared to issue further licences to operate into Geraldton until 31 December 2008. No minimum seat capacity will be required; however, competitive scheduling and licence conditions will apply. In the interim, I have requested the Department for Planning and Infrastructure to undertake a review of all intrastate air services, with completion expected by mid 2008.