

TRAVELSMART PROGRAM, IMPACT

2153. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Will the Minister provide details of the effects the TravelSmart program has had on the travel patterns of residents in the cities of -
 - (a) Fremantle;
 - (b) Melville;
 - (c) Armadale;
 - (d) Belmont; and
 - (e) Gosnells?
- (2) How many residents have so far been reached by the TravelSmart program?
- (3) Is the Minister able to reach the goal of 600 000 residents by 2010 at the current level of funding?
- (4) Will the Minister detail the program funding for TravelSmart and where it will be delivered beyond 2004-05?
- (5) In light of the recent volatility of oil prices, is the Minister willing to speed up the delivery of the TravelSmart Household program to a greater proportion of Perth's population than was originally planned?
- (6) Has the Minister received a copy of the Transport Energy Strategy Committee report on oil vulnerability?
- (7) If yes to (6), when was it received and when does the Minister intend to make it publicly available?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

- (1) (b) Results of the effect of TravelSmart Household have just become available for that part of the City of Melville which received the program in early 2003. The key results are as follows:
 - 12% reduction in car trips;
 - 13% reduction in car kilometres;
 - 22% increase in walking trips;
 - 75% increase in cycling trips; and
 - 20% increase in public transport and taxi and other modes.
- (a),(c)-(d) Results from the programs run in Fremantle, Armadale and Belmont are not yet available. However, early analysis of bus boarding data indicates increases in bus boardings of 14 per cent (Fremantle) and 9 percent (Armadale). These results are consistent with the range of results achieved throughout the program delivered to date and continue to indicate that the benefits of the program are achievable across a range of socio-demographics.
- (e) The program is scheduled for delivery in the City of Gosnells in early 2005 to coincide with the opening of the new Thornlie station and redeveloped Gosnells station.
- (2) Since 2000, the TravelSmart Household program has been offered to 158,000 people within the cities of South Perth, Subiaco, Wanneroo, Fremantle, Melville, Armadale and Belmont, and the towns of Cambridge and Vincent.
- (3) Following completion of the projects in the City of Gosnells in early 2005, a total of 186,000 residents will have been offered the program. Current levels of funding permit the program to be delivered to a population of 30,000 per year. Therefore a projection of the current level of funding would result in 336,000 people receiving the program by 2010. The Government still aims to offer the program to half of Perth's population by 2010 and is currently looking at other sources of funding to assist in achieving this aim.
- (4) The program is currently funded at \$1million per year. Options for the delivery locations of the program beyond 2004/05 are currently being prepared. The Minister will be considering these options shortly.
- (5) TravelSmart is one of a number of programs (eg improved cycling and public transport infrastructure) through which the Government is addressing the problems resulting from volatility of oil prices.
- (6) Yes.

- (7) The Transport Energy Strategy Committee report was received in April 2004. The report contains a number of recommendations which are currently being considered. The report will be released once these considerations are complete.
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