

BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM

159. Hon SUE ELLERY to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Minister for Transport's recent claim that a bus rapid transit system to replace the Metro Area Express light rail was estimated to cost \$1.2 billion.

- (1) What advice has the Minister for Transport received about the estimated cost of a BRT, and who provided that advice?
- (2) Did the advice also provide an estimate of the operating costs of a BRT compared with light rail?
- (3) If yes to (2), what was the estimated cost for each option?
- (4) Is the estimated cost of \$1.2 billion for the full 22-kilometre route of the MAX proposal?
- (5) If no to (4), what route does it cover?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

- (1)–(3) The Minister for Transport has received a report commissioned by the Department of Transport. As a consequence of that report, work will be done over the next 12 months to further examine the matter.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Not applicable.