

BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM

**150. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

- (1) What does the Minister for Transport consider are the key elements of bus rapid transit?
- (2) Does the minister expect that BRT would have similar station facilities to light rail?
- (3) Does the minister expect that BRT would be provided the same priority at traffic lights along its corridor as light rail?
- (4) Does the minister expect that a tunnel under Walcott Street would still be built for BRT?

**Hon JIM CHOWN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The key elements of a bus rapid transit system include high frequency bus services that have priority over general traffic either through total separation utilising exclusive infrastructure or other traffic priority treatments that provide these bus services with a competitive advantage over general traffic. A BRT system would also harness fixed station locations to provide permanency and encourage transit-oriented development.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes. Similar priority could be provided at traffic light intersections along the corridor.
- (4) Yes.