

To the Public Accounts Committee,

I would like to make you aware of what I consider an inefficient service provided to our local schools of Dardanup.

My 3 children have used the school bus service route called OLOL. This operates on one route one fortnight, servicing the town of Boyanup first and then Dardanup West second, then doing the same route but in reverse on the alternate fortnight servicing Dardanup West first and then Boyanup second. This means my children can have a 10 minute bus trip one fortnight, then a 45 min bus trip the next. This I do not necessarily have a problem with if the numbers of students from both areas was required to fill the bus however its my belief it would be beneficial to investigate if there were enough students in these two areas to sustain 2 buses, 1 bus servicing Dardanup West and one bus servicing Boyanup. Many parents choose to privately transport their children when it is the long bus route, therefore empty seats on the bus result giving an inaccurate picture of the actual demand. Other parents living in these areas have told me they cannot secure a seat because they have been told there is no room and they are on a waitlist, which seems like a shame to me when frequently there are empty seats.

I would be delighted to know some kind of investigation was made in to how many children could and would use the service if there was a designated bus to each area. It may be more efficient and enable more children to travel to have 2 buses service these 2 different areas, especially with the growing population of children

Thank you for looking in to this

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