

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 17 February 2015

2577. Hon Robin Chappie to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport.

I refer to the Redlion Bus and Coach Company and the safety audit of this company scheduled by the Safety Transfer Coordinator for on or around 5 December 2014, and ask:

- (a) was this audit conducted as scheduled;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister table a copy of the audit report which resulted from this audit;
- (c) if no to (b), why not;
- (d) if no to (a), why not;
- (e) if no to (a), when is it rescheduled for, and will the Minister table a copy of the audit report when it has taken place;
- (f) is it common for the Department of Transport (DOT) to not conduct a safety audit when it has been scheduled;
- (g) if yes to (f), why;
- (h) is it a priority for the DOT to conduct regular audits as scheduled, to ensure continuing contractual compliance by the company;
- (i) if no to (h), why not; and
- (j) if yes to (h), what action will the Minister take to ensure this priority is met?

Insofar as the Public Transport Authority (PTA) is concerned, the PTA has a contract with Redlion Bus and Coach to operate intra-town school bus services. This question has been answered in that context. The PTA does not have any school bus contracts in the name of Redlion Bus and Coach; rather they are in the name of Warren Burns who is a proprietor of Redlion Bus and Coach.

(a) Safety audits of Redlion Bus and Coach are undertaken by the Public Transport Authority's (PTA) Transperth Safety and Quality Coordinator however no audit was scheduled for December 2014. An operational visit was made by Transperth staff from the School Bus Services Unit at that time.

(b)-(e) Not applicable

(f) No.

(g) Not applicable

(h) Yes the PTA conducts regular audits as scheduled and makes it a priority.

(i) Not applicable

(j) The PTA's audit schedule is being met.