

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 17 February 2015

2588. Hon Robin Chappie to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport.

I refer to the Redlion Bus and Coach Company in Esperance, and ask:

- (a) does the Department conduct regular inspections and audits of the buses that are used under the contracts that this company holds with the Department of Transport (DOT);
- (b) if yes to (a), how often are the inspections and audits conducted, and by who;
- (c) are there separate inspections for the buses used on the town runs and for the buses used on the country runs;
- (d) were any safety issues raised concerning any of the buses used in this company from any audit for the last three years;
- (e) if yes to (d), what were the issues and when were each raised;
- (f) will the Minister table a copy of the reports from all audits of the buses used by this company under contract with the DOT for the last three years; and
- (g) if no to (f), why not?

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.

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Annual contract compliance audits relating to bus fleet matters are carried out by the Public Transport Authority's (PTA) Fleet Technical Officers. Mandatory annual vehicle licensing inspections are carried out by the local Department of Transport Authorised Inspection Station.
- (c) Inspections are carried out on PTA owned buses only, irrespective of where they operate.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) Various mechanical and electrical items have been identified as requiring repair during scheduled fleet inspections. The items raised are considered representative of the age of omnibuses operated by Redlion Bus and Coach at the time of the inspections.
- (f) Yes.
- (g) Not applicable

