

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Question on notice

Tuesday, 17 February 2015

2589. 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 company have a person dedicated to training and assessing drivers who operate buses, that are used under contract with the Department of Transport (DOT);
- (b) if yes to (a), what is their position, qualification and length of qualification held, experience and length of experience held, and do they hold any other positions in the company;
- (c) is there a requirement for the company, under its contractual agreement with the DOT, to have a person with qualifications and experience conducting the training and assessing of persons who drive the buses;
- (d) if yes to (c), what are the requirements; and
- (e) if no to (c), 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) The Public Transport Authority (PTA) does not prescribe employment structures for any contracted bus service provider.
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) No.
- (d) Not applicable
- (e) The PTA requires that the contractor employ drivers that are appropriately licenced. The contractor, as a responsible employer is required to conduct regular licence checks and reviews of driving performance to ensure continued driver competency.

