

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question on notice**

**Tuesday, 17 February 2015**

2599. 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 hold a contract under the Public Transport Authority (PTA) to supply a town bus service in Esperance;
- (b) if no to (a), what is the nature of the contract between the company and the Department of Transport (DOT);
- (c) if yes to (a):
  - (i) how many buses does this company operate under this contract;
  - (ii) what is the duration of the current contract and date for renewal; and
  - (iii) for how many years has the company held transport contracts with the PTA, how many contracts have they held and what was the duration of each contract;
- (d) is it correct that the company also holds contracts with the School Bus Services (SBS) division of the DOT;
- (e) if no to (f), what is the nature of the contract between the company and the DOT;
- (f) if yes to (f):
  - (i) how many individual contracts does the company hold with the SBS, and how many buses operate from those contracts;
  - (ii) what is the total duration of each contract and when do they expire; and
  - (iii) for how many years has the company held transport contracts with the SBS, how many contracts have they held and what was the duration of each contract;
- (g) is it correct that the contracts referred to in (a) and (d) are designed specifically to transport school children, in that the destination of these buses are predominantly the schools in the Esperance town site;
- (h) if no to (g), then what is correct concerning this matter; and
- (i) how many children does the company transport, both to and from the schools in the region, each month on average?

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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) Not applicable
- (c)(i) 8.
- (ii) 6 years plus a 6 year option expiring on 31 December 2015.
- (iii) One contract for 11 years.



(d) No.

(e) The Public Transport Authority has a contract with Redlion Bus and Coach to operate intra-town school bus services.

(f)(i)-(iii) Not applicable

(g) Yes.

(h) Not applicable

(i) 13 000 children on the intra-town services based on an average month of 20 school days.

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