

Fuel Prices – Bus Services

Ms BUTLER question to MINISTER for INFRASTRUCTURE and TRANSPORT

My question is from Mark of Brighton: will the government be increasing capacity and frequency of bus services to get cars off the road, conserve fuel and provide cost-of-living relief to Tasmanians? Some 26 days since the start of the oil crisis, have you met with regional bus providers and Metro to develop a strategy? Metro report an increase in patronage from 130,266 customer journeys last week to 152,924 customer journeys this week: that is an increase of 17 per cent in a week. What plans do you have to acquire more buses to meet the pending public demand, and will you extend half-price bus fares beyond June of this year?