

BUS FARE – INCREASE – REQUEST (24/07/07)

(No. B/850) Mr M. Dowarkasing (Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping whether he will state if it is proposed to increase the bus fare and, if so, by how much.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping (Dr. R. Beebeejaun): Mr Speaker, Sir, on 05 May 2007, the Association of Bus Operators, which groups the five bus companies and the Mauritius Bus Owners' Cooperative, has made a request for a 25% increase in bus fares.

The request is being examined by the National Transport Authority.

Mr Dowarkasing: Mr Speaker, Sir, may I know from the hon. Deputy Prime Minister whether the National Transport Authority is also working on the impact this measure will have on the free transport scheme?

Dr. Beebeejaun: They are working on several parts, including that one.