

10. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Mr Greg Campbell, CEO, Red Bus Limited

Mr Campbell attended as requested by the Committee at its July 2003 meeting to update members on the use of LPG as a possible alternative fuel for the Red Bus fleet.

The request had resulted from a presentation at that meeting by Shell Autogas and Mr Campbell updated members on the trial LPG fuelled bus, which had now been operated for two years by the Red Bus Ltd and the overall advantages and disadvantages of LPG use as against diesel. He advised that the company was now using Euro3 diesel motors together with low sulphur fuel and it was expected that even more advanced Euro4 motors would soon come on stream with lower emission levels.

Mr Campbell confirmed that overall the company considered that the use of more efficient diesel engines together with low sulphur diesel was preferable to the use of LPG having regard to capital costs, operating economics, emissions and noise.

The Chairman thanked Mr Campbell for attending and the Committee noted his comments.