

ARMADALE RAIL LINE — CLOSURE

1303. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the upcoming closure of the Armadale line to facilitate Metronet works and my earlier questions concerning consultation with disability advocates.

- (1) On how many occasions has the minister, her office or the Metronet project team met with People with Disabilities WA, or PWDWA?
- (2) What issues were discussed and what matters were resolved?
- (3) Has the minister, her office or the Metronet project team received any written correspondence from PWDWA; and, if so, when was it received, and when was a reply provided?
- (4) How can the minister claim that consultation has been adequate when the chair of PWDWA, Yhana Lucas, has stated —

This lack of response, or resolution, falls well short of the expectations I held for the Cook Government—particularly given that I am, currently, a Labor party member and personally known to and connected with both Ministers and advisers. If, within a year of leaving Dumas House after advising a Minister for four years, I cannot get a response from a Labor Government, what hope do other constituents with a disability have?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

On behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Transport, I provide the following answer.

- (1)–(4) The Public Transport Authority and the Metronet team have met with representatives across the disability sector in relation to public transport, including through the Metronet access and inclusion reference group, and worked with key stakeholders and the broader community to minimise disruption during the Armadale line shutdown.

A response to the detailed correspondence sent by PWDWA will be sent shortly.