

MANDURAH RAIL LINE — AUBIN GROVE–ELIZABETH QUAY CLOSURE

**1137. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the planned shutdown of the Aubin Grove to Elizabeth Quay section of the Mandurah line between 26 December and 3 January.

- (1) What other shutdown periods were considered?
- (2) How is the selected shutdown period the least disruptive of the other options?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) For larger scale closures, periods of lower patronage on the train network are considered, such as public holidays and school holiday periods.
- (2) The Christmas–New Year period remains the quietest for both train and road users. During this period more people are on leave from work and school, and university students are on holidays. Additionally, many businesses wind down or close. This period minimises the impact on the community.