

METRONET

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

I refer to the enormous \$1.7 billion increase to the capital cost of Metronet announced in last week's state budget.

- (1) What proportion of this additional funding will be covered by the commonwealth government?
- (2) Why, considering the election of the Albanese Labor government in May last year, had a definite agreement on co-funding not been reached prior to the release of both governments' budgets?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The 2023–24 state budget allocates \$5.9 billion towards Metronet, which is being delivered in partnership with the Albanese Labor government. Both the McGowan Labor government and the Albanese federal government are committed to the delivery of Metronet, which is transforming the way people get around our suburbs, reducing congestion and creating thousands of jobs.