

PERTH-MANDURAH RAILWAY — CAR PARKING

403. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Mandurah rail line and car parking. Has any consideration been given to increasing the size of parking areas for stations on the Mandurah rail line; and, if so —

- (a) what alternatives have been considered, such as securing additional land and double-storey car parks;
- (b) what is the cost of such increases;
- (c) has the use of money from the royalties for regions program been considered; and
- (d) what is the estimated increase in patronage if more parking is made available?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

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

- (a) Yes. The government has recognised the need for additional parking and made an election commitment to spend \$49.5 million over the next four years to provide an additional 3 000 car bays on the Joondalup and Mandurah rail lines. The Mandurah line station parking areas will be increased by approximately 1 500 car bays in total. Initial planning has identified additional land to increase car parking at Mandurah, Warnbro, Cockburn Central, Rockingham, Kwinana and Murdoch stations. Development approval applications have been lodged for Mandurah, Warnbro and Cockburn Central stations. The Public Transport Authority is also investigating acquiring land that adjoins the rail stations from the Western Australian Planning Commission and the rationalisation of existing car parks to yield more bays.
- (b) Detailed costs are unable to be given at this time until final designs and negotiations are completed during the next four years of the program.
- (c) No.
- (d) The proposed additional new 1 500 parking bays has the potential to attract up to 2 000 new rail passengers on the Mandurah line.