

PUBLIC TRANSPORT — PATRONAGE

1177. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the table showing total train boardings for the 2020–21 and 2021–22 financial years, by line, on page 17 of the Public Transport Authority's *Annual report*.

- (1) When does the PTA expect patronage to return to pre-COVID levels?
- (2) What is the basis for this expectation?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The answer is provided on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport.

- (1)–(2) The McGowan government is investing heavily in our public transport system through Metronet, and it is expected that this investment, including the opening of new rail lines to Ellenbrook, Yanchep, Byford and Thornlie–Cockburn, will increase patronage, as it did when previous lines opened.