

PERTH-MANDURAH RAILWAY — CAR PARKING

748. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to question without notice 403.

- (1) Has the construction of double-storey car parks been considered as an alternative to securing additional land to increase the amount of car parking available?
- (2) If so, what is the cost differential between constructing double-storey car parks versus securing additional land?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question and acknowledge his interest in the area.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The cost differential between constructing double-storey car parks versus providing additional land is highly variable and dependent on where a particular train station is located and the surrounding land. However, I can say that multi-deck parking is a very expensive option, and we must balance whether the investment required for multi-deck parking is justified or better invested in feeder bus services. Because multi-deck parking bays are an expensive option, they are best considered in major regional centres, where land is at a premium and the cost is high. In future, this could apply to stations such as Murdoch and Stirling.