

CLARKSON RAIL EXTENSION

531. Hon HELEN HODGSON to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Have tenders for the earthworks for the infrastructure work on the Clarkson rail extension been awarded; and, if so, when and to whom?
- (2) When will infrastructure work commence on the rail extension to Clarkson?
- (3) Has the Government taken any steps to acquire all of the land necessary for completion of the rail extension to Clarkson; and, if so, what steps have been taken?
- (4) Have the plans for the new stations at Currambine and Clarkson been completed?
- (5) Will public toilet facilities and/or parenting rooms be included at the railway stations to be constructed at Currambine and/or Clarkson?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) No. Tenders for earthworks will be advertised on 25 November 2000 and it is planned that a contract be awarded in February 2001.
- (2) The earthworks will be the first package of the infrastructure works and will commence soon after a contract is award in February 2001.
- (3) Yes. The Government has given approval to proceed with acquisition of the land. The reserves Bill is currently in the upper House for approval. Negotiations are in progress with the landowners.
- (4) No. Concept plans were prepared for the master plan for the extension of the railway to Clarkson. Architectural consultants are to be engaged to carry out the detailed design of both stations. The consultants will complete the design work by March 2001.
- (5) Yes. Public toilets are already available at Currambine station. The design for Clarkson station will include public toilets, including disabled toilets, and parenting facilities.