

FREMANTLE RAIL LINE

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

I refer to patronage on the Fremantle line.

- (1) What factors are deflating patronage on the Fremantle line to under 70 per cent of pre-COVID levels?
- (2) When does the minister expect the patronage to reach parity with pre-COVID levels?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The opening of the airport line in October 2022 has seen an increase in the number of services between Bayswater and Claremont stations. As expected, some Fremantle line passengers are now accessing airport line services and therefore are no longer reflected in Fremantle line patronage figures.