

MITCHELL FREEWAY — NORTHERN SUBURBS RAIL LINE — CONGESTION

116. Mr A.P. O’GORMAN to the Minister for Transport:

I ask a supplementary question. Why will the minister not take the concerns of my constituents, and the member for Ocean Reef’s constituents as well, seriously? Is the minister just going to engage in political point scoring without fixing the congestion problem?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

Let me quickly explain it this way: we are spending \$164 million on 45 additional railcars; \$240 million to extend the railway line to Butler —

Mr A.P. O’Gorman: You are still short!

The SPEAKER: Member for Joondalup, I am formally going to call you to order for the second time today. Unnecessary and continual interjections in this place will be met with a formal call to order. I said yesterday that I am a little weary and my patience is growing a little thin on members consistently interjecting without any purpose.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am trying to direct my answers particularly to the northern suburbs and the people whom the member represents, so let me go just go back. We are spending \$240 million to extend the rail line to Butler; \$164 million to buy new rail carriages; \$50 million to put in place 4 000 additional car parking bays, which members opposite never saw fit to build; \$430 million on a bus fleet replacement program; \$90 million to increase the size of the bus fleet by 15 per cent over the next five years; \$87 million to put petrol in the tanks of buses so that those buses can be driven around to pick up the member’s constituents; and over \$50 million to widen Kwinana Freeway so that the member’s constituents can get home more quickly. So for the member to come in here and say that we are spending no money —

Mr A.P. O’Gorman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Joondalup, you of many people should know far better. I formally call you to order for the third time.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: For the member for Joondalup to suggest that we are spending no money addressing these issues is an accurate reflection of his intellectual capacity.