

PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROJECTS

**1017. Mr F.A. ALBAN to the Minister for Transport:**

Minister, this year has seen many achievements in the development of public transport —

**Mr P.C. Tinley** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Willagee, thank you for your help; I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr F.A. ALBAN:** I will do it again.

This year has seen many achievements in the development of public transport projects and the completion of projects, as well as the announcement of new, exciting public transport projects. Can the minister please outline some of these achievements for the members of this house?

**Mr D.C. NALDER replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cannington, I call you to order for the second time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I would also like to take this time to express my sympathy to the Leader of the National Party on the loss of his brother; it is a very sad day and we do feel for him.

I could take all day to talk about the achievements in public transport this year —

Several members interjected.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** They just yelled out, “Name one”. Let me name one, and I will name a few more. We delivered the Butler extension for \$220 million—three months ahead of time and \$20 million under budget.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Butler, I call you to order for the second time. Minister, a short answer, please.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I will do my best to give a short answer; I do not want to incur your wrath, Mr Speaker.

Recently, on 14 November, around 270 industry people attended an industry forum from over 150 worldwide companies. They were interested in looking at the Forrestfield–Airport Link. Industry is getting behind this transformational project. In addition to that, we have continued works on the \$550 million Perth City Link project, with the demolition of the Wellington Street bus station and the provision of temporary services, in preparation for the new state-of-the-art underground busport that will open in 2016. The \$358 million Perth Stadium transport infrastructure project is underway in Burswood, and along with that is the new pedestrian footbridge over the Swan River.

There is also the introduction of Transperth’s new high-frequency 950 route. I just want to touch on that because this is us using public transport in a smarter way.

Several members interjected.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** The development of this new service means we are now down to three-minute intervals during peak periods.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Butler —

**Mr N.W. Morton** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** — I call you to order for the third time, and the member for Forrestfield for the first time. I do not want to put you out into the rain, member for Butler.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** The intervals on this bus route are now down to three minutes at peak periods. We have seen a 25 per cent uplift in patronage on this bus service. Forty per cent of all people moving down Beaufort Street now move on buses. There are 17 000 people a day on the 950 series. As I said, we are using public transport in a smarter way. We will continue to investigate the rollout of this type of service.

Transperth was also singled out for the third time in succession as having Australia’s best urban train system by Canstar Blue, which surveys customers on major rail networks in Australian capital cities —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Butler, I am giving you one more chance.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** The Public Transport Authority also positively contributed to the 100-year commemoration down in Albany this year and organised the heritage train from Midland to Fremantle. This government is committed to better and smarter public transport and I look forward to building on this in future years.

**Mr J.R. Quigley** interjected.

*Suspension of Member*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Butler, in terms of standing order 48, I have called you to order now five times. Please leave the chamber.

[The member for Butler left the chamber.]

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**The SPEAKER:** Have you finished?

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I nearly have. I am closing by saying that I look forward to building on this year's —  
Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Leader of the Opposition, I do not know what happened. I do not know what happened, Premier and Leader of the Opposition. Minister, please finish.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I really look forward to building on this year's initiatives, and look forward to updating the house next year on our major projects and smarter initiatives.