

BUSSELTON MARGARET RIVER AIRPORT — TERMINAL EXPANSION

**238. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to the welcome news that Jetstar has an additional Busselton–Melbourne flight in response to increased demand over the Easter holidays and note that the Busselton Margaret River Airport is expected to have an increase in passengers from 25 000 pre-pandemic to nearly 100 000 this year—people who will enjoy the best that the south west and Margaret River region have to offer. Given this increase in passengers and the pressure it will have on the terminal’s security and processing times, is the government still committed to waiting until 2025 before deciding whether to go ahead with the much-needed terminal expansion?

**Mr D.T. PUNCH replied:**

I am delighted to receive this question. I have a long history with the Busselton Margaret River Airport. I am delighted to see Jetstar frequently flying overhead and the success of the FIFO work. The South West Development Commission has been doing excellent work with the City of Busselton and will continue to do so and will continue to hold the needs of the Busselton airport under review.