

FORRESTFIELD–AIRPORT LINK

570. Mr I.M. BRITZA to the Minister for Transport:

I note that further details of the exciting Forrestfield–Airport Link project were released yesterday. Can the minister inform the house how my constituents in Morley and constituents in the surrounding electorates will be able to access this new rail line?

Point of Order

Mr A. KRSTICEVIC: The member from Maylands is very noisy from the member for Fremantle's chair. I just thought I would bring that to the Speaker's attention.

The SPEAKER: Member for Maylands, I would like you to take those comments on board.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr D.C. NALDER replied:

The member's interest demonstrates how broad the benefits of this project will be. People who live in Morley will be able to access the new Forrestfield–Airport Link through the existing circle bus routes 98 and 99, which operate between the Morley bus station and the Bayswater train station, and will provide access to the airport and save over 15 minutes of travel time.

Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cannington, you can ask a question on luggage movements later. I call you to order for the second time.

Mr D.C. NALDER: This is how a competent government delivers major infrastructure projects; it plans it properly and spreads the benefits. This is part of a much bigger picture about the careful consideration that has gone into this project. Planning and careful consideration such as looking at the need for car parks and putting trains on the tracks —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members for Mirrabooka and Forrestfield! I call the member for Forrestfield to order for the second time and the member for Mirrabooka for the first time. Minister, can you please give us a nice succinct answer. Thank you.

Mr D.C. NALDER: I am trying to say that a lot of planning has gone into this project. We will put not only a rail track through, but also trains on it. The opposition forgets that when it built the Mandurah rail line, it neglected to plan for trains. The government had to do that separately. We are not only planning for trains to go on this train line, but also including the car parks. Oh my goodness! We had to retrospectively fit car parks to the Mandurah rail line. The opposition seems to forget that it did not plan very well for the Mandurah rail line. That is what we are doing. A broad range of benefits will support a number of people in many suburbs in not only the eastern suburbs, but also to the north and other areas.