

*AUSTRALIND* PASSENGER SERVICE

**643. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

Given the expected increase in rail traffic between Brunswick Junction and the port of Bunbury, and in light of the recently announced expansion of Worsley Alumina Pty Ltd, can the minister please advise what impact this will have on the scheduled services of the *Australind* passenger train?

**Hon ADELE FARINA replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The minister has provided the following answer.

The advice from the Public Transport Authority is that increased rail traffic between Brunswick Junction and the port of Bunbury will not impact on *Australind* train services. The Public Transport Authority has an access protocol with WestNet Rail Pty Ltd that requires that the normal operation of its rail system will allow the *Australind*'s schedules to be maintained.