

METRONET — ARMADALE RAIL LINE — SHUTDOWN

1432. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I note the impending and unprecedentedly lengthy shutdown of the Armadale line next week after the Coldplay concert.

- (1) What is the revised full cost of the Armadale line works including all the expenses associated with the provision of alternative public transport options, and how does this differ from published figures?
- (2) Will the minister table the list of alternative options, along with associated costs and project scheduling time frames, that she considered prior to deciding upon this shutdown option?
- (3) What consequences will there be on the Public Transport Authority or the contractors engaged in these works if the shutdown extends beyond the 18 months guaranteed by the minister?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I provide this answer on behalf of the Minister for Transport and thank the member for providing some notice.

- (1)–(3) The Armadale line shutdown will facilitate the biggest transformation of the Armadale line in its 130-year history. Seven new stations will be built; 13 level crossings will be removed; the line will be extended to Byford, the Thornlie–Cockburn Link will be connected to the network; and six hectares of new public open space will be created. A number of options were considered, but it was determined that an 18-month shutdown would be the safest, fastest, most cost-effective and least-disruptive option. The minister is confident the required works will be undertaken within the shutdown period.