

FORRESTFIELD–AIRPORT LINK

**473. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:**

I note the strong implications in the budget papers that the Forrestfield–Airport Link Metronet sub-project will not be operational by the end of the second quarter 2022, as the minister previously promised, and that the Premier; Treasurer reportedly advised journalists on Friday 13 May that its opening will now be “in the coming months”.

- (1) For how long has the minister been aware that the FAL would not be ready by 30 June?
- (2) Will the minister please table the above advice?
- (3) Will the FAL open before its services are affected by the planned 24-day shutdown of the Midland line starting on 23 September, which will have an impact on the FAL as well as other lines?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The Forrestfield–Airport Link is currently undergoing testing and commissioning. This will be followed by driver training. The minister will be in a position to confirm an opening date when advised of the successful completion of testing and commissioning activities is received.