

RAILCARS — MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

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

I refer to the contract signed with Alstom for the assembly and maintenance of trains.

- (1) What is the value of the maintenance component in the contract with Alstom?
- (2) What is the length of the maintenance contract with Alstom?
- (3) What is the total number of jobs that will be created, broken down by maintenance, assembly and construction of the assembly facility?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Transport.

- (1) The cost of the railcar contract is \$1.25 billion, which is \$347 million under the original budget.
- (2) The initial term of the maintenance contract is 20 years, with two extension options of five years.
- (3) Around 100 jobs are expected to be created during construction and more upon commissioning.