

PERTH STADIUM — TRAIN STATION — ARMADALE LINE SHUTDOWN

455. Mr P. ABETZ to the Minister for Transport:

I note that there has been an extensive advertising campaign for the upcoming temporary shutdown of the Armadale train line. Can the minister please outline to the house the shutdown and why it is required?

Mr D.C. NALDER replied: I thank the member for Southern River for the question.

The shutdown will take place from 7.00 pm this Friday, 1 July, through to the last service on Saturday, 9 July. The shutdown is necessary to allow for works at the new Perth Stadium's train station at Burswood. All stations between Burswood and Armadale, including Thornlie, will be closed and they will continue to run from Perth out to Claisebrook. More than 150 buses have been put onto the network and they will operate to and from all stations between Armadale and Claisebrook. All replacement bus stops will be as close to the train stations as possible. We understand that this will create disruption for people in the communities along this line and we apologise. We have made every effort to limit closures to night-time and on weekends; however, to ensure the proper delivery of this fantastic new train station at Burswood, it is necessary to close the line for this nine-day period. As I said, we understand nobody likes the disruption and we apologise for that. Train services will resume on 10 July, at the very first service.

I will mention just a little bit about the infrastructure being built. There will be \$100 million spent on the Perth Stadium station and its associated railway infrastructure. It will be \$40 million for the station but there will be \$60 million for the complex track, which includes stow roads and overhead infrastructure required to run the trains. A total of \$358 million is being allocated for all transport infrastructure supporting the new Perth Stadium, which includes new bus bays, a new train station, a pedestrian bridge and a lot of the paths that run around that station. This work will create 1 350 jobs directly in Perth, Western Australia, at a time when construction is quiet, so we think this is a great initiative for the construction industry and great work for the people of Western Australia. I look forward to delivering this great project.