

METRONET — BAYSWATER TRAIN STATION

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

The PRESIDENT: I give the call to Hon Tjorn Sibma.

Hon TJORN SIBMA: I was deep in thought but I have prepared for this moment, thank you very much.

The PRESIDENT: He is quick on this feet, Hon Tjorn Sibma!

Hon TJORN SIBMA: It is the kind of indulgency you hope for.

I refer to the intention to close Railway Parade between Coode Street and Drake Street from the end of March for a period of 15 months.

- (1) When was the minister made aware that the road closure was required to facilitate Metronet's delivery?
- (2) Can the minister advise when local businesses were consulted on the potential closure?
- (3) Why do local businesses claim that the announcements had caught local businesses by surprise?
- (4) Given the failure to keep the public informed of the effect of the project, will the minister now agree to implement the Auditor General's recommendation made in 2020 and repeated in 2022 to improve transparency on major projects through the regular reporting to Parliament and the public on the cost, time and status of major projects?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The proposed closure is operational in nature. Approval is required and being sought from the City of Bayswater.
- (2) Notifications of disruptive works are communicated as soon as information is available.
- (3) Project impacts are communicated regularly through a range of channels and meetings.
- (4) Updates on projects are provided regularly on the relevant project websites, through regular ministerial media statements and social media, and through parliamentary questions.