

METRONET — ARMADALE RAIL LINE — SHUTDOWN

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

I refer to the proposed extended closure of the Armadale line. On what technical grounds is it incorrect to propose that the existing railway service on the Armadale line can be maintained in conjunction with the proposed Metronet works?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Transport.

The Armadale line shutdown allows for works to be completed in the most efficient manner, preventing significant periodic shutdowns over a much longer time frame. It presents the most cost-effective way, while also providing certainty for train replacement services and creating a safer environment for construction workers.