

METRONET — ARMADALE RAIL LINE

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

I refer to the announcement by the Premier and the Minister for Transport on Sunday, 20 February informing the public of the government's decision to shut down the Armadale line for up to 18 months, including the statement "While a number of shutdown options were examined, the extended shutdown was the preferred option".

- (1) On what date was the decision made to shut down the Armadale line for up to 18 months?
- (2) How many shutdown options were examined and what were they?
- (3) Will the minister table the advice that led to the preferred option being selected; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(3) As outlined previously, a number of shutdown options were considered, predominantly concerning shorter, more frequent, shutdowns over a longer period or the extended shutdown. The extended shutdown was determined to be the least disruptive to the community over the longer term. This decision was made and announced 12 months in advance of the closure in order to provide as much notice to the community as possible and to allow for extensive consultation to be undertaken.