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METRONET — PROJECTS

1436. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Minister's answer to question on notice 1335, stating that \$898,840.61 was paid to businesses as part of the Denny Avenue Level Crossing Removal project, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table the breakdown of those compensation payments; and
- (b) how is this a full list of compensation payments given the Ministers comments in the West Australian in relation to Bayswater Traders that a "\$5000 payment had already been made to 44 local businesses in recognition of the inevitable disruption around the major infrastructure project":
 - (i) who made the payments to the 44 local businesses;
 - (ii) who were the 44 businesses that the payments were made to;
 - (iii) will the Minister please table the criteria for eligibility for the \$5000 payment; and
 - (iv) are there similar payments across the METRONET program of works the Minister has failed to disclose in question on notice 1335?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

- (a) Compensation payments totalling \$894,860 have been completed to 16 recipients for the period August 2021 to March 2023.
- (b) The \$5,000 is not a compensation payment. It is a payment via the METRONET Small Business Resilience Program.
 - (i) The Public Transport Authority.
 - (ii)–(iii) I table the METRONET Small Business Resilience Program Frequently Asked Questions document. [See tabled paper no <u>2321</u>.]
 - (iv) The Small Business Resilience Program was rolled out to businesses in Kelmscott/Denny Ave, plus businesses adjacent to Bayswater Station in 2021.

A further \$10,000 Resilience Program for Bayswater businesses closed on 26 May 2023.