

ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT HEARING – ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Public Transport Authority

Hon Tjorn Sibma MLC asked:

1) Page 29 refers to the Government's commitment to introduce a new Australiad train. When will this occur, what type of train is being planned and what is the budget?

Answer:

The budget for the new train is \$30m. The type of train to be procured will be identified in the business case which is being developed; it will be diesel powered, offering modern amenities and configured to maximise efficiency in the availability of the train for service. The first phase of the procurement process will commence during March-April 2018.

- 2) Page 55 refers to planning for METRONET rail initiatives. Is there one master document that lists all the METRONET initiatives and provides detail on timing, scope, cost, and business cases for each of these initiatives:
 - a) If yes, will the Government make such a document publicly available; and

Answer: The METRONET website https://www.metronet.wa.gov.au/home is publicly accessible and provides available information on each initiative.

b) If no, why not?

Answer: Not applicable.

3) Page 55 refers to the finalisation of business cases for the extension of the Thornlie Line and Yanchep Rail extension, what is the cost and timing for both these initiatives?

Answer: The 2017-18 State Budget allocated \$535.8m to the Thornlie-Cockburn Link and \$520.2m to the Yanchep Rail Extension. The Project Definition Plans for each project will be finalised in the first half of 2018, with construction planned to commence in 2019. Stage 1 business cases were submitted to Infrastructure Australia on 21 August 2017.

4) With respect to the Yanchep Line Extension referred to on page 55, what specific stations are planned, at what cost, and when?



Answer: Planning for the Yanchep Rail Extension includes three potential new stations at Alkimos, Eglinton and Yanchep. The 2017-18 State Budget allocation includes an allowance for these stations.

5) What is the monetary value and proportion of the total cost of the Yanchep Rail Extension which will be offset by 'value capture'?

Answer: Work is currently being undertaken by the METRONET team on the potential mechanism and volume of revenue from value capture.

6) Page 72 refers to building the new METRONET system in a pressing timeframe and in a climate of budget restraint. What is the timeframe for the delivery of the entire METRONET system and the full cost?

Answer: Details on the construction cost and timeframes for delivering each of the proposed METRONET initiatives will be developed and confirmed as an outcome of the business case and project definition plans for each project, which are currently underway.