

METRO AREA EXPRESS LIGHT RAIL — PATRONAGE MODELLING

260. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Can the Minister for Transport confirm that patronage modelling for the northern leg of the Metro Area Express light rail estimated that there would be 49 000 boardings on a non-school holiday week day in 2031?
- (2) How does this compare with the current patronage on the Fremantle line, the Armadale line and the Midland line?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that there would be more than 8 000 passenger trips on the northern leg of MAX light rail in the two-hour morning peak in 2021, and that this will rise to more than 12 000 in 2031?
- (4) How many 200-seat buses will be required to meet passenger demand during the morning half-hour peak of the peak?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) The government has confirmed previously that over 100 000 passenger boardings per day would be expected on the MAX light rail network by 2031.
- (2) Average October 2014 weekday total boardings by line are, respectively, 33 292, 45 471 and 33 474.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The number and capacity of buses to service the morning half-hour peak demand is being examined.