

RAILCARS — ALSTOM — KTK GROUP

771. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to WAToday's article of 28 September 2021, concerning Alstom's contract with the KTK Group, a major supplier of train fittings for WA's new fleet of Metronet C-series railcars, and human rights concerns related to the KTK Group and the US Department of Commerce ban on that same group due to those concerns.

- (1) When did staff from the Public Transport Authority become aware of these concerns?
- (2) When did staff formally advise the general manager of these concerns?
- (3) When did the general manager raise these concerns with the minister?
- (4) Given that the minister is now aware of concerns, will the minister now direct Alstom to break its contract with the KTK Group?
- (5) Does the minister still support the KTK Group opening a facility in Western Australia, as is planned?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(3) They became aware in mid-2020.
- (4)–(5) The PTA has sought and received assurances from Alstom that it is confident of the integrity of its supply chain and it is compliant with the commonwealth Modern Slavery Act 2018, as mandated in its contract with PTA. The PTA determined that potential alternative suppliers for the KTK components would not occur from the local WA market.