

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY — BUS SERVICES

**36. Hon AMBER-JADE SANDERSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the \$77.3 million to be cut from the Public Transport Authority over three years as indicated in the 2015–16 midyear review and your commitment in December that there will be no cuts to frontline services at the Public Transport Authority.

- (1) Will all additional 850 000 bus service kilometres be introduced across the network in 2015–16; and, if not, why not?
- (2) What specifically are the new and extended services in Alkimos, Baldivis, Ellenbrook and Landsdale that were due to be introduced in 2015–16 and have they been introduced?
- (3) If no to (2), when will they be introduced?
- (4) Will all additional 600 000 bus service kilometres be introduced in 2016–17, including the 960 service from Mirrabooka to Curtin University?

**Hon JIM CHOWN replied:**

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

- (1)–(3) More than 98 per cent of the 850 000 additional service kilometres planned for introduction in the 2015–16 financial year will be introduced by the end of June this year. For a breakdown of service kilometres allocated, please refer to the attached document, which I table.
- (4) Since taking office, the Liberal–National government has made the biggest investment in bus service kilometres ever experienced in this state. The increase in service kilometres has been progressively rolled out, to a point where over 13.5 million additional annual service kilometres were provided in 2014–15, representing a growth of over 26 per cent—52 million in 2008–09, rising to 65.5 million in 2014–15—when compared with 2008–09. I can confirm the new 960 service will proceed.

[See paper 3835.]