

WESTRAIL, TENDER NO 85/99

26. Hon Bob Thomas to the Minister for Transport:

With regard to tender 85/99 advertised in The West Australian on November 20 1999 involving the provision of a long line public address system -

- (1) Has this tender been let?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) What type of announcements will be covered by this system?
- (4) Will it service all Perth metropolitan railway stations 24 hours a day?
- (5) What is the improvement on the original system of notifying patrons of the next train or delays?
- (6) Is this to be a digital system?
- (7) If the tender has been awarded, which firm was successful?
- (8) When is it expected to be totally completed on all four suburban lines?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) The tender prices received exceeded the budgeted amount. Accordingly, the project is to be re-scoped and deferred to the 2001/2002 financial year.
- (3) Live and automatic pre-recorded announcements about train running times.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The new system will improve the reliability of the present communication system.
- (6) The tender specification provided for only the central control equipment to be digital.
- (7) Not applicable.
- (8) See answer to part (2) of this question.