

TRAIN SERVICES — TIME BETWEEN TRAINS

2866. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What is the minimum time permissible, in minutes, between train services operating on the one line from a safety perspective?
- (2) How long, in minutes, is a train stationary at a station for disembarking and embarking of passengers?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

- (1) Train services operating in the same direction, on the same line are safely separated by the signalling system. Once a train occupies a section (the length of track between two signals) another train is prevented from entering that section until the first train has cleared the section. This ensures no more than one train can be in one section at a time. There is no stipulated minimum time between trains as the length of the aforementioned sections differ relative to signal placements.
- (2) Trains will be stationary at platforms for the time required to allow passengers to safely board and disembark from the train. The time taken for this action to occur varies in accordance with passenger loadings. For example, trains during peak periods typically have longer dwell periods as passenger levels are increased. There is no standard length of time for trains to dwell on platforms.