

METRO AREA EXPRESS LIGHT RAIL AND PERTH AIRPORT LIGHT RAIL PROJECTS

**427. Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

Further to the Minister for Transport's answer to question without notice number 222, asked in the Legislative Council on 18 March 2014 —

- (1) When the government committed to build the MAX light rail system what advice did it receive about the likely costs of operating the service, including debt servicing once it was built?
- (2) Has the government received any formal or informal advice about the likely cost of operating the MAX light rail system?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is that advice?
- (4) If no to (2), how could the government describe its commitment as fully funded and costed?
- (5) If no advice at all was received, is it usual practice for the government to decide to build projects without any idea of the cost of operating the project?

**Hon JIM CHOWN replied:**

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

- (1) The government was aware of the likely operating costs based on other light rail systems.
- (2) Yes. Detailed work will be presented as part of the project definition plan.
- (3) This will be presented as part of the project definition plan.
- (4)–(5) Not applicable.