

KENWICK TRAIN STATION

224. Hon SAMANTHA ROWE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Why does Kenwick train station have to close for upgrades?
- (2) Why can the station not stay open in the same way that Maddington or Beckenham train stations did during their upgrades?
- (3) What are the specific differences between the upgrade of Kenwick station and those of Maddington or Beckenham train stations?
- (4) How long will Kenwick train station be closed?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) The design review identified significant savings in time and cost by closing the station.
- (2)–(3) Upgrades to Kenwick station include the replacement of the entire electrical and communications system cabling and cable containment on the station platforms. Accordingly, the Public Transport Authority deemed that allowing passengers access to the station during the upgrade works would cause a significant operational and safety issue and therefore the closure of the station was considered the most appropriate course of action.
- (4) The station will be closed for approximately four months.