

TRANSPORT — REGIONAL TRAIN SERVICES — COSTS AND SUBSIDIES

4251. Hon Adele Farina to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) In 2015–16, what was the average total cost and amount of Government subsidy per passenger for the:
  - (a) Prospector;
  - (b) Australind;
  - (c) Avon Link; and
  - (d) Merredin Link?
- (2) In 2015–16, what was the average total costs and the amount of Government subsidy per kilometre for the:
  - (a) Prospector;
  - (b) Australind;
  - (c) Avon Link; and
  - (d) Merredin Link?
- (3) In 2015–16, what was the average total cost and the amount of Government subsidy per passenger kilometre for the:
  - (a) Prospector;
  - (b) Australind;
  - (c) Avon Link; and
  - (d) Merredin Link?

**Hon Jim Chown replied:**

It should be noted that the costs for the AvonLink and MerredinLink services are combined for questions 1 to 3 parts (c) and (d) as the railcars are shared amongst these two rail services.

- (1) The figures provided are for the 2015/16 financial year which includes the average total cost followed by the Government subsidy per passenger (respectively):
  - (a) Prospector: \$207.80 and \$158.64.
  - (b) Australind: \$90.46 and \$70.34.
  - (c)–(d) AvonLink and MerredinLink: \$151.56 and \$137.99.
- (2) The figures provided are for the 2015/16 financial year which includes the average total cost followed by the Government subsidy per kilometre (respectively):
  - (a) Prospector: \$30.04 and \$22.93.
  - (b) Australind: \$32.69 and \$25.42.
  - (c)–(d) AvonLink and MerredinLink: \$23.43 and \$21.33.
- (3) The figures provided are for the 2015/16 financial year which includes the average total cost followed by the Government subsidy per passenger kilometre (respectively):
  - (a) Prospector: \$0.37 and \$0.29.
  - (b) Australind: \$0.56 and \$0.43.
  - (c)–(d) AvonLink and MerredinLink: \$23.43 and \$21.33.