

FORRESTFIELD–AIRPORT LINK — COSTINGS

**946. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to questions without notice 922 and 933 regarding the airport rail line.

- (1) Who provided the cost of rolling stock to the member for Forrestfield?
- (2) Why is the unescalated cost of railcars significantly cheaper than the current cost of railcars?
- (3) Can the Minister for Transport confirm that the \$2.2 billion estimated cost of the airport rail line includes only a \$73 million unescalated cost for railcars and buses; and, if not, how much is included?
- (4) Where will the 24 C series railcars to be purchased for the airport line be stored, cleaned and maintained?

**Hon JIM CHOWN replied:**

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

- (1) It was the government.
- (2) It is based on advice from industry regarding acquisition costs in other jurisdictions using international suppliers.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The C series railcar purchase allows the B series railcars currently in operation to be cascaded to operate on the Forrestfield–Airport Link. Various options are being considered for storage, cleaning and maintenance and these will be determined at a future time when the C series railcar order is progressed.