

AIRPORT RAIL PROJECT

1027. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the answer that the parliamentary secretary provided to question without notice 623 of 15 October, in which he advised that railcars purchased for the airport rail line would be stored at the Claisebrook depot, and to the recent advice of the managing director of the Public Transport Authority that storing the trains for the airport line at the Claisebrook depot is not the current view.

- (1) Has the parliamentary secretary sought advice on which is the correct position; and, if yes, on what date?
- (2) Does the parliamentary secretary stand by his answer to question without notice 623 as being correct?
- (3) If no to (2), when did the parliamentary secretary become aware that his answer was incorrect, and why did he not immediately notify the house?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) Yes; 7 November.
- (2)–(3) The Public Transport Authority is currently seeking to build additional stowage facilities at Claisebrook depot, subject to development approval from the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority. If additional stowage is built at this location, it will allow for storage of additional railcars that will service the government's Forrestfield airport link. Final decisions on necessary rolling stock, how it is maintained and where it is stored are yet to be made.