

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE — NORTHERN SUBURBS

752. Ms M.J. HAMMAT to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Cook Labor government's record investment in transport infrastructure across Western Australia.

- (1) Can the minister outline to the house how this government is helping connect people across our northern suburbs, including to new Metronet precincts?
- (2) Can the minister outline how this record compares with that of the previous Liberal–National government?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

- (1)–(2) I had an opportunity last Friday to visit a number of the projects we are delivering across the northern suburbs, whether it be the north-east corridor or the Yanchep–Joondalup corridor. There is a lot happening. We started around Bayswater and we have seen the new Bayswater station. We then saw the Morley–Ellenbrook line and the work that is progressing on new key stations like the Malaga, Noranda and Morley train stations servicing the people in that corridor. The Tonkin Gap project will remove the bottleneck along Tonkin Highway. It will also support connections across the suburbs and the freight industry. That project is nearing completion and is reducing congestion and supporting the community throughout the area. I visited Wanneroo with the member for Wanneroo and examined the completed Mitchell Freeway extension works. They are the new connections onto Wanneroo Road. The new and safer intersections will save time for people across the area, whether they come from Butler, Alkimos or Wanneroo. The new infrastructure will save them a significant amount of time. Work has been done on the Yanchep rail extension. That is well underway and will provide people who move into that growing corridor access to world-class infrastructure, including three new stations along the Yanchep line. We have new rail links, cyclepaths and other connections across the north-east corridor and the north-west corridor. That infrastructure has never before been introduced into the area. Other improvements along the freeway will support cycling infrastructure and new connections.

This government is delivering on its commitments. Member for Mirrabooka, I have in my hand a little Metro Area Express light rail USB. It is a teeny thing, but members might be able to see it. The previous government made a number of commitments to the northern suburbs across the north-east corridor, whether it was for the Ellenbrook rail line or MAX light rail. After spending \$25 million, including on advertising materials like this, did it deliver the Ellenbrook rail line after eight and a half years in government?

Government members: No.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Did it deliver MAX light rail?

Government members: No.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: It delivered this little merchandise.

Mr D.A. Templeman: It is a heritage item. Can I have one?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: It is a heritage item. The former government was full of props but did not deliver for the people living in the northern corridors. Over the next year, members will see the completion of a wide range of works, whether it be cyclepaths, freeway improvements, new technology along the freeway or new railway stations. All across the northern suburbs, we will reduce congestion and improve the lives of people across that entire community.