

“A” SERIES RAILCARS — PERFORMANCE

1139. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the maintenance contract for the ‘A’ series railcars, and ask:

- (a) does the contract provide for penalties to be applied when a railcar breaks down;
- (b) if yes to (a), what are the circumstances when penalties can be applied;
- (c) on how many occasions were penalties applied in:
 - (i) 2011;
 - (ii) 2012; and
 - (iii) 2013;
- (d) on each occasion in :
 - (i) what was the reason for the penalty; and
 - (ii) what was the penalty amount;
- (e) on how many occasions in each year did a train break down with no penalty applied in:
 - (i) 2011;
 - (ii) 2012; and
 - (iii) 2013; and
- (f) for each case in (e), why was no penalty applied?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Penalties can be applied when a service:
 - Is cancelled or short- due to a technical fault of a railcar.
 - Incurs a delay greater than or equal to four minutes due to a technical fault of a railcar.
- (c) (i)–(ii) Nil.
 - (iii) 244 Lost Time Incidents and 94 Train Cancellation penalties were applied.
- (d) (i) See part (c)(iii).
 - (ii) Lost Time Incidents attracted a total penalty amount of \$41 028.00 and Train Cancellations attracted a total penalty amount of \$310 291.00.
- (e)–(f) The Public Transport Authority advises that significant resources would need to be diverted from essential operational duties in order to answer this question.