

SUBURBAN TRAINS — CLAISEBROOK DEPOT

711. Hon ADELE FARINA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

Mr President, you might be disappointed to find out that this question is also in the name of another member, but I thank you for your indulgence!

The PRESIDENT: I was trying to do you a favour!

Hon ADELE FARINA: The question is lodged in the name of Hon Ken Travers.

I refer to comments by a Public Transport Authority spokesperson on ABC news on 10 September 2013 that the PTA needs somewhere to put the 22 three-car trains that are arriving.

- (1) How many of the new three-car trains will be stored overnight at the Claisebrook depot?
- (2) Are the Nowergup and Mandurah depots being expanded to store the 22 new three-car trains?
- (3) Is it correct that the Claisebrook depot currently stores all 48 A-series trains if required?
- (4) Why did the PTA commence work on the expansion of the Claisebrook depot without the necessary approvals?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) Nil.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Please refer to part (3) of the answer provided to question without notice 262.
- (4) Unfortunately, the Public Transport Authority was not aware that the East Perth Redevelopment Authority had placed a zoning boundary on land that included part of the Claisebrook railcar service depot on 28 December 1992. In normal circumstances, no external approval is required for railway modifications on rail reserve land.