

RAILWAYS, *PROSPECTOR*, MEAL SERVICE

36. Hon Bob Thomas to the Minister for Transport:

With regard to your announcement that the in-seat meal service will not be provided in the new *Prospector* rail cars -

- (1) What was the reason for this decision?
- (2) What provision will be made for aged and disabled passengers who are not able to access the buffet?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1)-(2) The in-seat meal service on the current *Prospector* service was discontinued several years ago and replaced with a buffet service. Passengers with special needs are able to request assistance from on-board staff. The present arrangements will continue when the new *Prospector* railcars are introduced.