

*AVONLINK SERVICE*

**505. Hon RICK MAZZA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

Members have been advised by the Minister for Transport that the *AvonLink* train service will be replaced by a luxury coach service, beginning January 2014. Will the Minister for Transport please advise whether the luxury service will —

- (1) Cater for the frail and the disabled?
- (2) Provide ease of entry and exit for wheelchairs and prams?
- (3) Be appropriately equipped for the carriage of wheelchairs, prams and the occupants?

**Hon JIM CHOWN replied:**

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

The Public Transport Authority advises —

- (1)–(3) The provision of *AvonLink* train services operating between Midland and Northam will be replaced by a luxury, fully accessible Transwa road coach. The accessible features of the road coach include a wheelchair lift for passengers with a disability and a coach kneeling function to enable frail passengers or those with mobility restrictions easier access to the coach cabin. Prams will be carried in the luggage storage bay of the road coach.