

WESTRAIL SECURITY GUARDS

**387. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the minister's train security announcement of 22 October.

- (1) How many Westrail security guards existed immediately prior to this announcement, and what was the annual cost of these guards?
- (2) How many Chubb security guards existed prior to this announcement, and what was the annual cost of these guards?
- (3) How many new guards, both Westrail and Chubb, will be employed as a result of this new announcement, and what is the additional cost of these new guards?
- (4) How many members of the fare evasion squad existed immediately prior to the announcement, and what was the annual cost of this squad?
- (5) How many new members of the fare evasion personnel will be employed as a result of the announcement, and what is the additional cost of these members?

**Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Nineteen special constables at an annual cost of approximately \$1.1m.
- (2) Eighty-eight special constables at an annual cost of approximately \$5.7m.

At the time of the announcement, 18 people were undergoing training that is necessary for appointment to special constable. These trainees will fill vacancies, caused by natural attrition, in special constable ranks.

- (3) The following new positions will be created -
  - (a) 10 special constables;
  - (b) 24 fare evasion staff with security training;
  - (c) 18 station staff with security training;
  - (d) 18 customer service attendants with security training.

The annual cost of the new positions will be approximately \$3.9m.

- (4) Nine, at an annual cost of approximately \$0.5m.
- (5) Twenty-four fare evasion staff and six special constables on fare evasion duties at an annual cost of approximately \$1.7m.