

METRONET — ARMADALE RAIL LINE

**82. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the Minister for Planning's media release on 20 February announcing another \$2 billion spend on Metronet.

- (1) When were the people of Armadale consulted on the closure of their rail line for 18 months?
- (2) Did the minister receive advice from her department about the cost and benefits of keeping the Armadale line open for a longer period; and —
  - (a) if yes, is a cost–benefit analysis available to the public; and
  - (b) if not, why not?
- (3) Has a cost–benefit analysis been undertaken by the government on the impact of the closure on the efficiency of urban transport more broadly; and —
  - (a) if yes, is that cost–benefit analysis available to the public; and
  - (b) if not, why not?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(3) As announced in the media statement dated 20 February 2022, a number of different shutdown options were considered. However, it was determined that other options, such as shorter, more frequent shutdowns over a longer period would be more disruptive to the community over the longer term. The announcement of the closure was made one year before it was planned to occur, in order to allow for extensive consultation with the community.