

TRANSPORT — AUSTRALIND TRAIN SERVICE

4253. Hon Adele Farina to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What was the patronage on the Australind train in:
 - (a) 2014–15; and
 - (b) 2015–16?
- (2) Were there any periods during each 2014–15 and 2015–16 when the Australind train was not available to provide twice daily service between Perth and Bunbury?
- (3) If yes to (2):
 - (a) please specify the periods for which the train was not available;
 - (b) what were the reasons for the unavailability of the service;
 - (c) what alternative transport options were put in place during the period of unavailability;
 - (d) when were the patrons advised of the unavailability of the service; and
 - (e) how many patrons booked on the Australind and advised it was unavailable, were not able to travel on the coaches due to mobility or other health issues?
- (4) In each 2014–15 and 2015–16, how much money was spent on maintenance work to the:
 - (a) Australind train; and
 - (b) rail line used by the Australind train?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

- (1)
 - (a) 105 295.
 - (b) 96 549.
- (2) Yes.
- (3)
 - (a)–(b) For the period 2014/15 there were a total of 101 cancellations of the Australind train service all due to mechanical issues.

For the period there were a total of 46 cancellations of the Australind train service, 23 cancellations due to the Shire of Waroona bushfires and 23 cancellations due to mechanical issues.
 - (c) Replacement road coaches.
 - (d) When a road coach replacement is required in lieu of a cancelled train service, Transwa will contact its passengers as soon as possible by telephone and will also put a notification on its website. If it is known that a future service will be cancelled, Transwa will advise the passenger upon booking that the service will be operated by a replacement road coach.
 - (e) This information is not asked of the passenger, however Transwa ensures that the replacement road coaches are fully accessible.
- (4)
 - (a) The amount spent on maintenance works for the Australind railcars is as follows:

2014/15: \$1 675 925.

2015/16: \$1 440 653.
 - (b) This information is not available from the Public Transport Authority as the maintenance of the rail line is conducted by Brookfield Rail who operates the commercial lease for the management and maintenance of the regional rail lines for Western Australia.