

MIDLAND TRAIN SERVICE

280. Hon AMBER-JADE SANDERSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to train services along the Midland line.

- (1) Have any rail services during peak times along the Midland line, which have previously been four-car rail sets, been reduced to two-car rail sets?
- (2) If yes to (1), which services have been reduced and why was this decision made?
- (3) If yes to (1), will the four-car rail sets be returned to any affected peak services?
- (4) How many A-series railcar sets are in operation each day during the morning peak?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) Yes. The Public Transport Authority has been strengthening two peak period services on the Midland line as a direct result of the Liberal–National government’s railcar order. However, as a result of an incident at the Victoria Street level crossing on 5 March this year, one of those peak period services on the Midland line has been temporarily reduced from a four-railcar set to a two-railcar set.
- (2) The service that departs Midland station at 6.53 am has been temporarily reduced to a two-railcar set for the reasons stated in answer to (1).
- (3) Yes, as this is only a temporary arrangement pending completion of the repairs to the railcar involved in the incident at the Victoria Street level crossing.
- (4) Forty-five A-series railcar sets are usually in service but for the reason outlined in (1), there are currently 44 A-series railcar sets in service.