

LATE-NIGHT TRAINS

**87. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

For the period prior to the 23 February 2015, I ask —

- (1) Can the Minister for Transport confirm that revenue protection officers were employed to operate on the 1.15 am train services?
- (2) Can the minister confirm that revenue protection officers were positioned at major station gates and refused access to commuters without valid tickets for the 1.15 am train service?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that revenue protection officers have issued fines on the 1.15 am service to passengers who did not have a valid ticket?
- (4) Can the minister table any instructions given to revenue protection officers that advise them not to enforce payment on the 1.15 am services?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

**Hon JIM CHOWN replied:**

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

- (1) Yes; revenue protection officers were on some trains.
- (2) Yes; RPOs were positioned at Perth stations at the fare gates to provide a security presence and to observe and report any antisocial behaviour. RPOs are used in addition to transit officers.
- (3) The Public Transport Authority has advised that in practice fare payments were not generally pursued on the 1.15 am services. It is acknowledged that some passengers bought tickets and on some occasions infringements have been issued. The 2.15 am services, by contrast, have been advertised as free by Transperth for some years.
- (4) To formalise the informal and inconsistent arrangements put in place by the PTA, the minister recently directed that all late-night train services are now clearly advertised as free and all staff have been instructed accordingly.
- (5) Not applicable.