

RAILCARS — ALSTOM — KTK GROUP

1106. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to an email that was sent to the minister's office from the Public Transport Authority at 1.41 pm on 23 December 2020, as disclosed under the recent freedom of information request on 10 September 2021.

- (1) Did the minister consider directing Alstom to source supplies from Australian suppliers instead of KTK Group, which is banned in the United States due to concerns about human rights?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Given it was reported that there would be very little impact in sourcing alternative Australian supplies, will the minister consider directing Alstom to source local suppliers now?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The contract between the state government and Alstom will deliver 246 locally manufactured C series railcars in their entirety, returning railcar manufacturing to Western Australia for the first time since the Liberal government closed the Midland workshops. This contract includes the requirement for more than 50 per cent Western Australian content, with the railcars to be built at the new Bellevue railcar facility—only two per cent was achieved under the former state government. The Public Transport Authority has sought and received assurances from Alstom that it is confident in the integrity of its supply chain.