

RAILCARS — A-SERIES — REVIEWS

2930. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:
- (1) What was the planned economic life of the A-series rail car fleet when they were purchased?
 - (2) Has the Public Transport Authority undertaken any reviews on the options for the long term future for A-series EMU rail car fleet?
 - (3) If yes to (2):
 - (a) what was the outcome of the review;
 - (b) who conducted the review;
 - (c) how much did the review cost; and
 - (d) when was the review completed?
 - (4) Will the Minister table a copy of any reviews undertaken?
 - (5) If no to (4), why not?
 - (6) What did the review consider was the optimum future of the A-series rail car?
 - (7) Has the Government considered the review?
 - (8) When does the Government expect the A-Series trains will reach their end of service life?
 - (9) At the end of their service life, does the Government expect the A-Series rail cars will be:
 - (a) replaced with new rail cars;
 - (b) continue with existing technology with minor enhancements;
 - (c) re-engineered; and
 - (d) other option, please specify?
 - (10) If they will be re-engineered, where does the Government expect this will occur?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

- (1) A minimum fatigue life of 30 years was specified in the Technical Specification.
- (2) Yes
- (3)
 - (a) The reviews concluded that options may exist to extend the life of the “A” series fleet.
 - (b) Interfleet and separately, AECOM.
 - (c) \$113 442 and \$277 364.15 respectively.
 - (d) In 2010 and 2013 respectively.
- (4) Yes
[See tabled paper no 2874.]
- (5) Not applicable
- (6) The results were inconclusive at the time due to the unknown condition of the railcar bodyshell.
- (7) Yes
- (8) The “A” series will reach the end of their service life depending upon condition of the railcar bodyshell.
- (9)
 - (a) Yes
 - (b)–(c) No
 - (d) A smaller number of cars may be maintained for capacity in peak hours and special events, the majority of railcars will be retired.
- (10) “A” series railcars will not be re-engineered.