

RAILCARS — B-SERIES — RELIABILITY TARGET

2927. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Did the B-series rail cars have a reliability target regarding the number of kilometres traveled per ‘cancelation’ when they were purchased?
- (2) If yes to (1), what was it, and how was ‘cancelation’ defined?
- (3) Has this reliability target been changed?
- (4) If yes to (3), what is the current reliability target?
- (5) What has been the B-series fleet’s long term performance in regards to this target?
- (6) What was the B-series performance in the 2013–14 financial year in regards to this target?
- (7) What is the B-series fleet’s performance to date in the 2014–15 financial year in regards to this target?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

- (1) The procurement contract did not include a target regarding kilometres travelled per cancellation. The maintenance contract did include a target when the cars commenced operations.
- (2) The target was 250 000 kilometres/cancellation in the original maintenance contract and a cancellation was defined as any of the following:
 - a. Failure of any Diagram to commence operation from the Diagram starting point;
 - b. Failure to complete all parts of Diagram;
 - c. Failure to satisfy the specified Train Consist for any Diagram where caused by the act, neglect or default of the contractor.

(Please note that the definition of the term “Diagram” within the contract means the complete set of train movements to be undertaken by a Unit or Units between leaving a Depot and returning to a Depot, including all empty and passenger carrying movements).
- (3) Yes
- (4) The current target is 150 000 kilometres/cancellation.
- (5) Since 2011, an average of 400 000 kilometres/cancellation has been achieved.
- (6) The target was not met with an average of 138 000 kilometres/cancellation achieved.
- (7) The target is being met, with a year to date average of 232 000 kilometres/cancellation being achieved.