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2914. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) On 14 February 2015, how many A-series rail cars were in service during the times of peak demand in:
  - (a) morning;
  - (b) afternoon; and
  - (c) evening?
- (2) How many A-series rail cars were still in depots during peak demand periods in:
  - (a) morning;
  - (b) afternoon; and
  - (c) evening?
- (3) On 15 February 2015, how many A-series rail cars were in service during the times of peak demand in:
  - (a) morning;
  - (b) afternoon; and
  - (c) evening?
- (4) How many A-series rail cars were still in depots during peak demand periods in:
  - (a) morning;
  - (b) afternoon; and
  - (c) evening?

**Hon Jim Chown replied:**

On Friday, 13 February, Saturday, 14 February and Sunday, 15 February 2015 *The Giants* event occurred in Perth.

In planning services for this event, the Public Transport Authority sought the assistance of the event organiser to estimate demand, both in aggregate figures and spread across the three days of the event. The predicted crowd numbers and the prediction of those who would arrive by train is shown in the attached table from Perth International Arts Festival.

[See tabled paper no 2884.]

Trains in service were operating at full size (i.e. either 6 railcars or 4 railcars).

On 9 February 2015, the PTA advised the Minister for Transport that all available trains were to be in service.

Following the event, the PTA undertook a rigorous performance analysis which identified that, while the additional rail services generally worked very well, rail services were under resourced on the Saturday morning (14 February 2015) on the inner stations of the Joondalup and Mandurah lines. This was covered in the media that night, where crowded stations were shown at locations such as Stirling, Whitfords, Bull Creek and Murdoch. This situation was resolved by late afternoon/early evening and did not occur on the Sunday.

The Member may be interested to know that the PTA ensured the outcomes of this analysis informed planning for the highly successful Anzac Day services.

Details on the train numbers sought in your question follow.

- (1)
  - (a) 38 “A” Series railcar sets were in service.
  - (b) 38 “A” Series railcar sets were in service.
  - (c) 36 “A” Series railcar sets were in service.
- (2) Noting 8 two car sets were unavailable due to maintenance/accident damage, a further:
  - (a) 2 “A” Series railcar sets were in the depot.
  - (b) 2 “A” Series railcar sets were in the depot.
  - (c) 4 “A” Series railcar sets were in the depot.
- (3)
  - (a) 43 “A” Series railcar sets were in service.
  - (b) 40 “A” Series railcar sets were in service.

- (c) 22 “A” Series railcar sets were in service.
- (4) Noting 5 two car sets were unavailable due to maintenance/accident damage, a further:
  - (a) No “A” Series railcar sets were in the depot.
  - (b) 3 “A” Series railcar sets were in the depot.
  - (c) 21 “A” Series railcar sets were in the depot.