

TRAIN SERVICES — REGIONAL — COST PER PASSENGER

3519. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:
- (1) What was the average total cost, and amount of government subsidy, per passenger for the:
 - (a) *Prospector*;
 - (b) *Australind*;
 - (c) *Avonlink*; and
 - (d) *Merredinlink*?
 - (2) What is the average total cost, and amount of government subsidy, per kilometre for the:
 - (a) *Prospector*;
 - (b) *Australind*;
 - (c) *Avonlink*; and
 - (d) *Merredinlink*?
 - (3) What is the average total cost, and amount of government subsidy, per passenger kilometre for the:
 - (a) *Prospector*;
 - (b) *Australind*;
 - (c) *Avonlink*; and
 - (d) *Merredinlink*?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

It should be noted that the costs for the *Avonlink* and *Merredinlink* services are combined for questions 1 to 3 parts (c) and (d) as the railcars are shared amongst these two rail services.

- (1) The figures provided are for the 2014–15 financial year which includes the average total cost followed by the Government subsidy per passenger (respectively):
 - (a) *Prospector*: \$200.68 and \$153.75
 - (b) *Australind*: \$86.72 and \$67.28
 - (c)–(d) *Avonlink* and *Merredinlink*: \$148.06 and \$137.46
- (2) The figures provided are for the 2014–15 financial year which includes the average total cost followed by the Government subsidy per kilometre (respectively):
 - (a) *Prospector*: \$39.77 and \$30.47.
 - (b) *Australind*: \$37.13 and \$28.81.
 - (c)–(d) *Avonlink* and *Merredinlink*: \$23.83 and \$22.12.
- (3) The figures provided are for the 2014–15 financial year which includes the average total cost followed by the Government subsidy per passenger kilometre (respectively):
 - (a) *Prospector*: \$0.36 and \$0.28.
 - (b) *Australind*: \$0.53 and \$0.41.
 - (c)–(d) *Avonlink* and *Merredinlink*: \$1.43 and \$1.32.