

FREMANTLE RAIL LINE — MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE

843. Hon Ken Travers to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is there mobile phone coverage in the recently completed tunnel west of Perth Station on the Fremantle line?
- (2) If yes to (1), which phone providers have coverage?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) What action did the Public Transport Authority take to seek mobile coverage in this tunnel?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

- (1) There is limited mobile phone coverage from Optus infrastructure external to the tunnel.
- (2) All major phone carriers, noting that Optus infrastructure installed for Perth Underground station is shared with other carriers.
- (3) Not applicable
- (4) The Public Transport Authority (PTA) has been in discussions with Optus since November 2009 regarding the placement of mobile phone infrastructure in the new tunnel. Optus designers provided a preliminary design for tunnel equipment in 2012 but have not moved forward to implementation as yet.