

**TRAIN STATIONS — PERTH UNDERGROUND — ELEVATORS**

2990. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to question on notice No. 2607, regarding the lifts at the Perth rail station and the Minister's public comment that they are among the hardest working in Perth, and I ask:

- (a) did the specifications in the tender for this project include any provisions to ensure the lifts would be able to meet the demands of this location;
- (b) if yes to (a), what were they;
- (c) does the Public Transport Authority (PTA) consider the lifts are meeting the tender specifications;
- (d) if no to , what action is the PTA taking to address this issue; and
- (e) what consideration is the PTA giving to requesting that one, or all, of these lifts be replaced?

**Hon Jim Chown replied:**

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The lifts are specified to be heavy duty, public transport passenger lifts that conform to the requirements of the Australian Standard (AS) for passenger lifts, AS 1735. The lifts are designed for people with disabilities and to conform to the appropriate sections of AS 1735. The lifts are specified with maximum amount of glass to provide maximum visibility for personal security as well as highly reliable and robust door mechanisms that must be rated for up to 800 000 operations each year of operation. Other key features of the lift specification to note are:
  - the lift cars are capable of accommodating a stretcher;
  - emergency hands-free telephone system which is wired back to the PTA's central monitoring room;
  - each lift has hands-free as well as vision impaired braille embossed buttons for universal operation;
  - each lift is installed with CCTV cameras which is wired back to the PTA's central monitoring room;
  - door frames are strengthened to resist the inevitable hard use expected in railway station environments and where vandalism can be anticipated;
  - all lift and landing doors are standard size for ease of replacement if and when damaged;
  - all lifts are equipped with standby power to enable the descent of the lift to the lowest level in the event of a power failure at the station.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Not applicable
- (e) The lifts have a design life of 20 years and with proper use and maintenance they should achieve this life and under normal circumstances, replacement will be considered after approximately 15 years.