

FORRESTFIELD–AIRPORT LINK — COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

1002. Hon SAMANTHA ROWE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to complaints received by my office from constituents living in close proximity to the proposed airport train station, alleging that recent community consultation meetings have taken the form of information displays, and did not include opportunities for discussion or public questions to department spokespeople.

- (1) Does the minister feel that proper consultation with these residents has been achieved with the consultation format outlined?
- (2) Are there plans to conduct further community consultation with these residents that will provide an opportunity for public discussion and questions?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

- (1)–(2) The community information sessions held to date have been the start of a consultation process that will run between various phases of the Forrestfield–Airport Link project until the railway commences operation. It should be noted, however, that the five sessions held to date have provided the opportunity for residents to ask questions of the Public Transport Authority project staff who have been in attendance.