

RAILCAR CONSTRUCTION — LOCAL CONTENT

966. Hon AMBER-JADE SANDERSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

This is not about Hon Paul Brown. I refer to the 10 B-series three-car sets that have been ordered.

- (1) Where exactly will these railcars be manufactured?
- (2) What components of the railcars will be manufactured in Western Australia?
- (3) What is the percentage breakdown of each of the components in (2) of the total manufacturing work generated from this order?
- (4) What is the expected number of local WA jobs used for this order?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) The trains consist of many components and then a chassis and a body, with componentry being manufactured in various places around the world. The trains are constructed and put together in Maryborough, Queensland. This is the same arrangement as every electric railcar that has been purchased to date for the Transperth system, both A-series and B-series. The current supply contract states that passenger seating and interior window filming is supplied here in Western Australia; that equates to around two per cent of the total manufacturing work. The final fit-out, commissioning and warranty works for the railcars will also be completed in WA, with railcar maintenance then being undertaken locally. Approximately 15 local Western Australian jobs will be used for this order.