

MERREDIN TRAIN STATION — ACCESSIBILITY

**208. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Merredin high-level platform, also known as the secondary platform, which has been delayed repeatedly, and I note that the tender for the project is due to expire in May 2023.

- (1) Will the project be designed and constructed before the tender expires in May 2023, given the tender was awarded to LKS Constructions on 24 May 2022 and was due to start on that same day?
- (2) If no to (1), what is the new time line for delivering this project and will it be fast-tracked, given the high number of commuters who use this service who are elderly or require ramps due to disability?
- (3) Can the minister confirm to train users that the new platform will be, at the very latest, ready before the end of 2023?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I answer on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport. I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided on behalf of the Minister for Transport.

- (1)–(3) Construction is anticipated to be completed in the first quarter of 2024, subject to the availability of materials and labour. Delays to the project were due to challenges associated with the contractor obtaining updated cost estimates and finalising approvals with Arc Infrastructure.