

METRO AREA EXPRESS LIGHT RAIL

1097. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Metro Area Express light rail and the Premier's comments in November 2013 that the extensions, down to the Causeway and maybe ultimately to Curtin University, the Queen Elizabeth II site, and the University of WA could be split into a separate stage, but that decision has not been made. I refer also to the Minister for Transport's comments yesterday that the light rail may now run between Yagan Square and Edith Cowan University.

- (1) Will the government still construct the east-west light link through the CBD, connecting Victoria Park and the University of WA, as part of the MAX project?
- (2) If so, what is the time frame for construction?
- (3) If not, will it be constructed in a separate stage?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1)–(3) The delivery of the MAX light rail project remains government policy, albeit, it has been deferred for three years from the original time frame. The government continues to explore options for this project.