

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY — OPERATING SUBSIDY

**428. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Treasurer:**

With the state government currently supplementing Perth's public transport system to the tune of around \$900 million a year, by how much is this supplemented expenditure expected to rise to in 2018–19, 2019–20, 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24 and when Metronet is fully completed? The reason I ask for six years' worth of data is due to the government's plan to roll out the entire Metronet within six years.

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

As per the 2018–19 budget, the operating subsidy for the Public Transport Authority is estimated at \$834 million in 2018–19, \$878 million in 2019–20 and \$905 million in 2020–21. A public transport subsidy of \$938 million is forecast for 2021–22, including \$80 million for regional school bus services. Estimates of the recurrent funding to be provided by the general government sector to the PTA for the period beyond 2021–22 are not currently available and will depend on population growth and various other economic parameters and policy settings to be determined through future budget processes. The full operating costs of Metronet projects will be considered by government upon the completion of business cases and project definition plans, and will be disclosed in future budgets.