

FORRESTFIELD TRAIN STATION — MULTISTOREY CAR PARK

760. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the announcement of 11 September 2018 of a multistorey car park at Forrestfield rail station.

- (1) Will the minister table a summary of the benefit analysis that has guided this decision?
- (2) Can the minister advise the house how contingency funds of \$32 million may be expended on this variation without compromising other aspects of the wider contract that may incur higher costs?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister of Transport.

- (1) The construction of the multi-deck car park will release six hectares of land out of eight hectares that would otherwise have been used for parking around the Forrestfield station future Metronet precinct. Construction of a decked car park will occupy less space than at-grade parking and will allow better use of the land close to the station, thereby improving the development outcomes for the mixed use precinct. This approach will enable creation of a transit-oriented development, making the space more liveable and connected for people. It is assumed that a car park was included in the Forrestfield–Airport Link business case. The multistorey car park is an alternative form.
- (2) Funds will be provided from current uncommitted contingency.