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Chair; Dr David Honey; Ms Rita Saffioti

Metronet projects under development —

Mr S.J. Price, Chair.

Ms R. Saffioti, Minister for Transport.

Mr P. Woronzow, Director General, Department of Transport.

Mr M. Burgess, Managing Director, Public Transport Authority.

Ms R. Lamont, Chief Financial Officer.

Mr A. Vincent, Managing Director, Metronet.

Mr L. Coci, Managing Director, Office of Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery.

Mr P. Laing, Senior Policy Adviser.

[Witnesses introduced.]

The CHAIR: This estimates committee will be reported by Hansard. The daily proof *Hansard* will be available online as soon as possible within two business days. Questions must relate to the operations and budget of the off-budget authority. The chair will allow as many questions as possible. Questions and answers should be short and to the point.

A minister may agree to provide supplementary information to the committee. I will ask the minister to clearly indicate what information they agree to provide and will then allocate a reference number. Supplementary information should be provided to the principal clerk by noon on Friday, 2 June 2023. If a minister suggests that a matter be put on notice, members should use the online questions on notice system to submit their questions.

I give the call to the member for Cottesloe.

Dr D.J. HONEY: There is a provision of \$865 million for Metronet projects. Is the minister able to provide a breakdown of what that \$865 million comprises by project and by year?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: We have the projects that are there. We do not provide a breakdown of estimated total costs for these projects yet because, again, we do not provide the ETCs until we are further into the development and contracting process. But the projects in this area include high-capacity signalling; the Morrison Road level crossing removal; and the William Street level crossing removal, otherwise known as the Beckenham project, which is added onto the Victoria Park—Cannington project. There was a late confirmation of that project because it was an election commitment by the new federal government, so that will be added to the Victoria Park—Cannington level crossing removal project. There is also funding for upgrades for disability access. Those are the projects.

Dr D.J. HONEY: I appreciate that the minister will not be able to provide the estimated total cost for those projects, but this line item must comprise individual components of which there is an estimate of cost to date. On the understanding that we definitely will not be trying to quote the minister as saying that that is the estimated total cost, can the minister identify by project and by year the costs allocated under this budget item, fully appreciating it is not the estimated total cost for the project?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: There will be funding allocations. As I said, we do not have ETCs yet because the actual scope or detailed design has not been undertaken in some of those—for example, Morrison Road, which I know the member for Moore went to visit. We have allocated funding but we do not have ETCs because, as I said, the full detailed design has not been highlighted.

We can provide by way of supplementary information the funding that has been allocated to these projects, but, as I said, they are not ETCs.

Dr D.J. HONEY: Yes; that is clear.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: We will provide by way of supplementary information funding allocations for the Morrison Road level crossing removal, the William Street level crossing removal and—what was the other key one?—high-capacity signalling.

[Supplementary Information No B5.]

The CHAIR: That completes the examination of the Metronet projects under development.