

**Metronet projects under development —**

Ms M.M. Quirk, Chair.

Ms R. Saffioti, Minister for Transport.

Mr P. Woronzow, Director General, Transport Portfolio.

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

Ms R. Lamont, Executive Director, Finance and Contracts, Public Transport Authority.

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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. I will allow as many questions as possible. Questions and answers should be short and to the point.

The minister may agree to provide supplementary information to the committee. I will ask the minister to clearly indicate what information she agrees to provide and will then allocate a reference number. Supplementary information should be provided to the principal clerk by noon on Friday, 31 May 2024. If the minister suggests that a matter be put on notice, members should use the online questions on notice system to submit their questions.

Are there any questions? I give the call to the member for Vasse.

**Ms L. METTAM:** My question relates to paragraph 1 on page 624 of budget paper No 2, which states that funding will be allocated to specific projects upon completion. With reference to these final investment decisions, how does the minister justify her claims of local content manufacturing of the C-series railcars? Can she provide a guarantee that these investment decisions relate only to local manufacturing in WA?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** We have an executive director at the Public Transport Authority who manages the contract. We have an internationally renowned supplier. We have 12 local businesses that are all participating and producing locally made components. I am not sure why the Liberal Party wants to attack local manufacturing. The member's government produced two per cent of trains in Western Australia. It had no plan to replace the A-series trains. In fact, as I recall, her government's plan to replace A-series trains had \$1 million allocated to it. It was going to privatise the rail network. This chasing down a project —

**Ms L. METTAM:** Just give me a clarification.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** No, honestly—I invite the Leader of the Liberal Party to visit the facility. She can see all the Western Australians walking around producing trains. For a government that failed public transport on every front, the member has more front than Myer asking questions about local content!

I have further information: the second locally made C-series train is on the network today. That is great news.

**Ms L. METTAM:** Is that a locally manufactured C-series train?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Yes.

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** I have a question around the subsidy that will be required for Metronet when it is fully operational. How much will the subsidy be for the operation of the new sections of the train line?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** They are all included in the numbers the Leader of the Opposition read out from the income statement. The income statement of the PTA incorporates the ongoing subsidy for our bus services, new bus services to feed Metronet and the rail lines themselves. They are all included in there. I do not know whether we have breakdowns on individual lines. It is difficult because we cannot capture, for example, whether someone catches a Fremantle line from Daglish or Claremont to Bayswater; it is hard to differentiate. We can provide a breakdown of the cost recovery for the rail, bus and ferry networks.

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** Will the minister provide that breakdown by supplementary information?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Yes, I will provide a breakdown of the subsidies for the rail network, the bus network and also the ferry network.

[*Supplementary Information No A20.*]

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** Will that breakdown on the bus network include the buses that are being purposed towards feeding the stations?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Yes.

**Extract from Hansard**

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**Ms L. METTAM:** I refer again to the reference on page 624 to funding allocated to specific projects upon completion. Can the minister provide an update on the Armadale redevelopment works?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** There are two projects as part of the Armadale line transformation. The Victoria Park–Canning level crossing removal includes 5.2 kilometres of elevated rail through Cannington and Victoria Park; new stations at Oats Street, Carlisle, Queens Park, Cannington and Beckingham; and the removal of level crossings at Mint and Archer Streets, Oats Street, Welshpool Road, Hamilton Street, Wharf Street and William Street. I do not know whether the member has seen it, but there has been a lot of work on the elevated rail. I think 50 per cent of the piers and beams for the viaduct are in place. Of course, the other work is pre-prepared so it is a matter of just putting it in place. The team is working at a very good rate. The new station in Armadale–Byford is taking shape, member for Darling Range. The old Armadale station is being demolished and works are happening. The Thomas Road overpass, an early part of the project, is in place, and works are happening on the other overpasses, too. Elevated beams have started to appear through Armadale. Progress has been pleasing. The feedback I get from everybody is that they cannot believe how fast that project is being delivered. The lift shafts appeared at Carlisle station last week.

**Ms L. METTAM:** What is the anticipated completion date for that?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I think we have outlined May 2025. We said 18 months from when we started.

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

[12 noon]