

FREMANTLE AND JOONDALUP RAILWAY LINES — RAIL CAR REDUCTION

2143. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that there has been a reduction in rail car sets on the Fremantle and Joondalup lines from four car sets to two car sets for weekend services?
- (2) If yes to (1), what has been the reduction?
- (3) Over the last 6 months, on Saturday and Sunday rail services on the Fremantle and Joondalup lines —
 - (a) what was the average passenger loading;
 - (b) how many times did the number of passengers exceed the number of seats; and
 - (c) what is the average number of people standing on each service?
- (4) At what stage would the Public Transport Authority revisit the need to reintroduce a four car set on to the Fremantle and Joondalup Lines?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) On the Fremantle line there has been a reduction in railcar sets. On the Joondalup line there has not been any reduction in railcar sets.
- (2) On the Fremantle line, three out of every four weekend services were previously provided using four railcar set trains, however, every service is now provided using two railcar set trains except for scheduled special events services. All the services provided meet passenger demand.
- (3) (a) Evaluation of six months of data for specific days on a specific train line would require substantial system queries and analysis, diverting key staff away from their normal ticketing system management duties. Given the request for average loadings, PTA has randomly selected three "normal" weekends over the period since July 2009 when two railcar train sets were allocated for normal weekend services on the Fremantle line, and a response to 3 (a) is as follows —

Fremantle line	Saturday 24 Oct 09	Sunday 25 Oct 09	Saturday 21 Nov 09	Sunday 22 Nov 09	Saturday 20 Feb 10	Sunday 21 Feb 10
Average passenger loading on Fremantle line trips (i.e. a passenger for all or part of the trip)	To Perth: 130 From Perth: 113	To Perth: 134 From Perth: 120	To Perth: 149 From Perth: 134	To Perth: 145 From Perth: 130	To Perth: 163 From Perth: 137	To Perth: 142 From Perth: 128
Joondalup line	Saturday 24 Oct 09	Sunday 25 Oct 09	Saturday 21 Nov 09	Sunday 22 Nov 09	Saturday 20 Feb 10	Sunday 21 Feb 10
Average passenger loading on Joondalup line trips (i.e. a passenger for all or part of the trip)	To Perth: 199 FromPerth: 145	To Perth: 176 From Perth 124	To Perth: 209 From Perth: 161	To Perth: 175 FromPerth: 134	To Perth: 231 FromPerth: 162	To Perth: 162 From Perth: 120

Note that for (b) and (c), the number of people seated or standing on a train varies at different points as people board and egress along the line.

- (b)-(c) Capacity of the two railcar set trains are given as follows -
 - Fremantle longitudinal seating — 126 seated and 256 standing passengers
 - Fremantle transverse seating — 134 seated and 192 standing passengers.
 - Joondalup longitudinal seating — 234 seated and 360 standing passengers.
 - Joondalup transverse seating — 240 seated and 320 standing passengers.
- (4) When significant special events are programmed.