

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY — APPROPRIATION — REDUCTION

**280. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the minister representing the Treasurer:**

I refer to pages 162 and 165 of the *Economic and Fiscal Outlook*, which show a change in the funding model, including a \$170 million reduction in the appropriation to the Public Transport Authority in the 2012–13 financial year.

- (1) Can the Treasurer explain what impact this has on the 2013 operating balance?
- (2) What impact does this accounting treatment have on total public sector net debt?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question. I advise that the Treasurer has been engaged for much of the afternoon in a debate in some other place. However, if an answer to this question does come before the end of question time, I will table it for the member's information.