

THORNLIE RAILWAY LINE — EXTENSION

**166. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Minister's letter 30-36856 dated 22 April 2013 which states: "... the Public Transport Authority is currently undertaking planning and design work for the extension of the Thornlie Line through to the Mandurah Line. This will accurately define the demand, scope and cost of the work and operational implications ..." and I ask:

- (a) who is undertaking the demand analysis for this extension;
- (b) when is this report due to be delivered to the Public Transport Authority (PTA);
- (c) does this new analysis and the planning and design work suggest that the Government is actively considering advancing the Thornlie Line extension to before 2031;
- (d) are the costings of extending the Line through to the Mandurah Line given in this Parliament on 15 November 2012 as \$240 million by the Member for Southern River official Government costings; and
- (e) when will the Government publish the final Transport Plan?

**Mr T.R. Buswell replied:**

The Public Transport Authority advises:

- (a) The Public Transport Authority (PTA).
- (b) The PTA is producing a Project Definition Plan to define the scope and cost of this proposal. This will be completed in late 2013.
- (c) The Project Definition Plan will contain information which will be of assistance to the Government in deciding when the extension should be constructed.
- (d) The cost estimate will be based on the final scope of work which is yet to be determined.
- (e) The final Public Transport for Perth in 2031 Plan will be received shortly from the Department of Transport. Its release will be subject to Government consideration.