

PERTH URBAN RAIL NETWORK — MAINTENANCE

94. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) How many staff are currently employed to inspect —
 - (a) high voltage conductor cables;
 - (b) booster transformers and associated surge arrestors; and
 - (c) other similar equipment on the Perth urban rail network?
- (2) How many staff were employed to undertake the same functions in March 2008?
- (3) Have any changes been made to the work practices or procedures for staff engaged in inspection of overhead catenary equipment since 1 January 2011; and, if yes, please specify the changes?
- (4) Have any changes been made to the inspection, visual check or maintenance schedules of the equipment in (1) since 1 January 2011; and, if yes, please specify?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Public Transport Authority advises —

- (1) (a)–(c) Twenty staff.
- (2) Sixteen.
- (3) No.
- (4) Yes. The contact wire is now checked during the day as well as at night during the shutdown period.