

MANDURAH RAIL LINE — PATRONAGE FIGURES

**153. Hon ED DERMER to the Minister for Transport:**

- (1) What were the average weekday and average weekend day patronage figures for the Mandurah line in each of the following months —
  - (a) November 2008;
  - (b) December 2008;
  - (c) January 2009;
  - (d) February 2009; and
  - (e) March 2009?
- (2) Why are there no publicly available figures for patronage on the individual rail lines?
- (3) When was the decision first made by Main Roads and/or the Public Transport Authority that the Mandurah line between Rockingham and Mandurah would close for four weekends in January and February 2010?
- (4) When was the decision first advertised and in what forums did that advertising take place?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I have an answer here. The answer to part (1) is in a tabular form and the answers to parts (2), (3) and (4) are reasonably extensive, so I will table this answer and seek leave to have it incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted. [See paper 1941.]

The following material was incorporated —

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(1)a)	November 2008	
	Average weekday	46 313
	Average Saturday	27 776
	Average Sunday/Public Holiday	27 093
b)	December 2008	
	Average weekday	43 609
	Average Saturday	27 672
	Average Sunday/Public Holiday	21 544
c)	January 2009	
	Average weekday	45 179
	Average Saturday	24 518
	Average Sunday/Public Holiday	22 422
d)	February 2009	
	Average weekday	50 552
	Average Saturday	29 621
	Average Sunday/Public Holiday	25 501
e)	March 2009	
	Average weekday	54 777
	Average Saturday	30 922
	Average Sunday/Public Holiday	24 848

(2) Transperth patronage figures are available in the Public Transport Authority (PTA) Annual Report which can be located on the PTA website [www.pta.wa.gov.au](http://www.pta.wa.gov.au). Separate figures are not available to the public, as every request received by the PTA is unique to the individual's purpose for obtaining these figures. There are significant administrative and system analysis resource costs attached with processing every request for patronage figures.

(3) In July / August 2009, Main Roads, PTA and Southern Gateway Alliance held a series of meetings to discuss the rail shutdown timetable. The formal application by Southern Gateway Alliance for the agreed January/February 2010 scheduled shutdowns was submitted to PTA late September 2009.

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(4) Advice of the shutdown was first discussed with the Community Representative Group on 8 December 2009 with notice to the general public initially provided in the Mandurah Entrance Road Project Update newsletter released on 17 December 2009.

In addition to the project newsletter, advertising appeared in the local community newspapers from 6 January 2010 and in the West Australian from 9 January 2010.

Websites of Southern Gateway Alliance, Main Roads and the Public Transport Authority also contained information about the shut down from the start of January.

Advice to rail commuters was provided by the TravelEasy email notification service.

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