

PUBLIC TRANSPORT STRATEGY — TREASURY COSTING

436. Mr B.S. WYATT to the Treasurer:

Mr Speaker —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: That is enough!

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Member for West Swan!

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

Withdrawal of Remark

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, withdraw that statement, please. I heard you, member for Warnbro; you said it is a lie.

Mr P. Papalia: No, I said, “That is called lying.”

The SPEAKER: All right. Just withdraw it, please.

Mr P. PAPALIA: I withdraw, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I call you to order for the second time.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr B.S. WYATT: I refer to the government’s latest thoughts around public transport to be released in mid-July, according to the Minister for Transport.

- (1) Why has Treasury not undertaken a costing of the transport document to be released in July?
- (2) Was it the Treasurer’s decision not to have this document costed by Treasury?

Dr M.D. NAHAN replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(2) Yes, the Minister for Transport has indicated that we will release a long-term strategy for transport, a very comprehensive one going out to 2050. The member will see it when it is released. We have a very detailed costed strategy in the budget, if the member had looked, where Treasury has costed \$7 billion of transport extensions.

Mr M. McGowan: Yes, but that is for existing projects.

Dr M.D. NAHAN: That is right, but it goes off over four years and beyond. It is the largest capital spend any government in Western Australia has ever undertaken on a sustained basis on transport. That is called a comprehensive strategy. It is on public transport including rail, bus, roads and bicycles—you name it, we have done it. That is what Treasury focuses on. The strategy that comes out later next month will be a long-term one that goes beyond 2050.