

PERTH TRAIN DRIVERS — PAY OFFER

3230. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Commerce

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Government's current offer to Perth train drivers will result in them receiving total pay increases of only 13.5 percent over five years?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that if drivers had accepted the EBA offered in 2008, the current offer would result in total pay increases of 22.75 percent over five years?
- (3) Does the Barnett Government now accept that the current pay offer is inadequate and will be the major cause of any disruptions on the Perth rail system?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) The WA Industrial Relations Commission (WAIRC) issued orders on 23 September 2010 terminating bargaining between the negotiating parties. Prior to this date there had been no formal Government offer made to Perth train drivers. The Arbitration proceed commenced on 1 December 2010. The matter is currently before the WAIRC for decision.
- (2) No. No formal offer has been made to the drivers, and the drivers did not accept the EBA offer in 2008 therefore this question is hypothetical.
- (3) No. The drivers have now had the opportunity to put the merits of their case to the WA Industrial Relations Commission and a decision is pending.