

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY — OVERHEAD LINE WORKERS

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

- (1) What is the current certification process for Public Transport Authority overhead line workers?
- (2) Does the PTA use the Australian Qualifications Framework for electrotechnology transmission line assembly relevant to overhead catenary work or electrotechnology rail traction for certification?
- (3) If no to (2), why not; and what standard does the PTA use to ensure that its workforce has the necessary skills and qualifications to do the work it is doing?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The PTA advises —

- (1) Employees currently receive training from both external training organisations and internal staff, with the training being a mixture of classroom and on-the-job training.
- (2) Yes, the PTA does use the AQF and the Australian Quality Training Framework to reference its training and competency assurance for relevant units of competence.
- (3) Not applicable.