TRAIN SERVICES — PASSENGER RAIL "AT GRADE" CROSSING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

2105. Mrs L.M. Harvey to the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands:

(1) What is the $23.2 million Passenger Rail "At Grade" Crossing Improvement Project?

(2) What proportion of the funding is allocated to the:

    (a) Fremantle rail line;

    (b) Midland rail line; and

    (c) Armadale rail line?

(3) Which level crossings on each of the Fremantle, Midland and Armadale rail lines will be upgraded through this project?

(4) When will each project commence and what are the expected completion dates?

Ms R. Saffioti replied:

(1) The Public Transport Authority's (PTA) Urban Passenger Rail "At Grade" Crossing Improvement Package addresses the immediate risks associated with "At Grade" crossings to improve accessibility for people, improve safety and reduce road traffic congestion around crossings. The works are underpinned by the PTA's Level Crossing Asset Management Program which aims to completely eliminate railway level crossings from the metropolitan network.

    The package includes a number of projects, such as:

        Improvements and upgrades to 90 pedestrian crossings to ensure access paths, manoeuvring areas, passing areas, tactile indicators and security lighting meet Disability Discrimination Act obligations for accessibility.

        Installation of an additional warning signal at Albany Highway Crossing (Armadale Line) to enhance visibility and reduce the risk of collision.

        Modification of Amherst/Harper Street Crossing (Midland line) to upgrade controls for pedestrian access.

        Enhance infringement enforcement at level crossings to improve safety by deterring user error and abuse.

(2) (a) 29%

    (b) 17%

    (c) 48%

    Note: 6% is allocated to modifications to Moore Street Level Crossing which is considered the Perth Precinct (Armadale and Midland lines).

(3) Projects will be announced progressively once final decisions are made.

(4) Each project varies according to scope and complexity and the program is still under development.