

METROPOLITAN RAIL NETWORK — TRAINS

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

- (1) For both A-series and B-series trains, how many have —
 - (a) longitudinal seating; and
 - (b) transverse seating?
- (2) Are there any plans to convert any more trains to longitudinal seating?
- (3) If yes to (2), how many, which type and by when?
- (4) Does the Public Transport Authority still have three A-series and three B-series trains unavailable for service at any time?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Transport advises, as at 8 March, when notice was given —

- (1)
 - (a) All A-series railcar sets and five B-series railcar sets.
 - (b) No A-series railcars and 41 B-series railcars.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The Public Transport Authority plans to convert an additional seven B-series railcar sets by mid-2012.
- (4) At any time there are three A-series and three B-series trains unavailable for service due to maintenance.