

CAR USAGE, PERTH — REDUCTION MEASURES

**737. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport:**

I acknowledge that today is World Carfree Day.

- (1) Can the minister advise what plans the state government has to reduce car usage in Perth?
- (2) How much is the government investing in alternatives to car usage, such as cycling and walking infrastructure, in the current financial year?
- (3) Can the minister detail for each project funded during this financial year —
  - (a) the name of the project;
  - (b) the location;
  - (c) the amount of funding allocated by the WA government; and
  - (d) the amount of commonwealth funds allocated?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes. The state government is currently compiling the first ever integrated public transport network and bicycle network plans seen in this state. However, in the interim, the state government, through the Public Transport Authority, Main Roads WA and the Department of Transport, is funding numerous initiatives aimed at reducing car usage in Perth including —
  - (a) extending the Joondalup train line;
  - (b) building 3 000 extra parking bays along the Joondalup and Mandurah lines;
  - (c) embarking on a bus procurement program at a cost of more than \$500 million;
  - (d) creating greater amenity and access to public transport in the Perth CBD by building the \$600 million Perth City Link project;
  - (e) improving CAT bus services;
  - (f) introducing a high frequency “spine” bus service linking Ellenbrook with its neighbouring suburbs; and
  - (g) the Public Transport Authority, Main Roads WA and the Department of Transport this year are investing a total of \$4.2 million in bicycle and pedestrian access and infrastructure programs.
- (2) The state government is working with local governments across the state to deliver a total of \$8.5 million for dedicated cycling and pedestrian access projects and infrastructure, including a state government contribution of \$4.2 million. The initiatives outlined in the answer to question (1) come to somewhere in the vicinity of \$1.5 billion.
- (3) The specific and detailed information requested by the member is not available in the time given. However, if the member would like to put this part of the question on notice, I will endeavour to provide the information.