

*AUSTRALIND* — PASSENGER PLATFORMS UPGRADE

**623. Hon COLIN HOLT to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

During my speech on the budget on 14 June 2018, I raised some concerns about the costs associated with the design and build of three rail platforms on the *Australind* line—Yarloop, Cookernup and North Dandalup. The minister said in response to question without notice 368 that there was no tender process for the design and build of these platforms.

- (1) Has the minister asked for a review of the outrageous costs associated with the design and build of three modest platforms?
- (2) If yes to (1), please table the review.
- (3) Is the minister confident that value for money is being delivered by the Public Transport Authority on these projects?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1) The design for the Yarloop station upgrade includes three car parking bays—one accessible—kerbing, new bitumen, fencing of the historic loading ramp that is adjacent to the platform and the construction of a high-level platform. The construction cost of the high-level platform is consistent with the escalated construction cost of a lesser designed platform built at Meckering in 2007–08.  
  
Further to the response given to the member under parliamentary question without notice 397 on 16 May 2018, the final costs for the new platforms at Cookernup and North Dandalup are currently not known by the Public Transport Authority. However, it expects that they will be similar to, if not less than, the cost of the high-level platform at Yarloop station.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Yes.