

RAIL SERVICES — SOUTHERN SUBURBS AND BUNBURY

1649. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

Given that the Government is actively considering a new high-speed rail service to Bunbury, as demonstrated by the Cardno Eppell Olsen survey, I ask:

- (a) is the Government actively considering extending the Thornlie Line to Nicholson Road and Canning Vale;
- (b) what customer research is the Government undertaking to gauge demand and impact;
- (c) has the Government completed its consideration of the MacroPlan Australia Benefit/Cost Assessment prepared for the City of Gosnells;
- (d) has the Government responded to the City of Gosnells on the findings and details of the Assessment report;
- (e) does the Government have analysis that supports the MacroPlan assessment of \$52.6m in net benefit for the State in building a new station at Nicholson Road;
- (f) does the Canning Vale/Nicholson Road extension of the Thornlie Line have a higher Government priority than the South Perth train station; and
- (g) when will the Government publish the draft 20-year transport master plan for Western Australia?

Mr M.J. COWPER replied:

- (a) This project will be considered as part of future planning for public transport.
- (b) The PTA has carried out preliminary demand analysis, which show that by 2031 less than 1,000 passengers per day would be added to the public transport system if a station at Nicholson Road was constructed, as the majority of demand lies within existing station. catchments and is accommodated by services already provided.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Not as yet. Further consideration is required.
- (e) These matters are still under consideration by the Government.
- (f) The Government has made known that a business case must be made for South Perth station and this has not yet occurred.
- (g) It is expected that the independent panel will present the Government with a final report in 2010.