

TRAIN SERVICES — EXTENDED WEEKEND TRIAL

4461. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

In relation to the six-month trial for extended weekend train service —

- (1) On what basis was 4.00am chosen as the time for the trial?
- (2) Were any other times considered for the Saturday and Sunday morning service?
- (3) Why will the trial not commence until November 2011?
- (4) What will be the total cost of the trial?
- (5) How much of this cost is for —
  - (a) train operation;
  - (b) security on trains; and
  - (c) security at the station?
- (6) Will rail stations remain open or will they close after the 2.00am train service then reopen for the 4.00am train?
- (7) Will rail stations close after the 4.00am train?
- (8) If yes to (7), when will they reopen?
- (9) What is the additional cost of —
  - (a) keeping the stations open; or
  - (b) reopening the stations?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) This was the time supported by the WA Nightclubs Association, which had proactively pursued such an initiative, as well as the WA Taxi Council.
- (2) Yes, but the 4.00am option was supported by third parties. It is also noted that by providing Saturday and Sunday morning trains the level of service provided by the Liberal–National Government is significantly better than the single 3am Sunday service spruiked by Labor at the last election. It is also noted that under the Court Liberal–National Government a 3am train service was introduced and this was scrapped by the subsequent Labor Government in late 2001.
- (3) The Liberal–National Government moved to implement this initiative in a consultative way thereby providing time for rostering changes in accordance with industrial agreements.
- (4) \$1.7m
- (5) All of the \$1.7m will be used in its entirety across these three areas.
- (6) They will remain open.
- (7) They will remain open until after the passing of the 4.00am service at each station, then the station will close.
- (8) Approximately 30 minutes before the commencement of the first services on that morning.
- (9)
  - (a) Not applicable
  - (b) No change to costs.