PUBLIC TRANSPORT — INCIDENT AND FAULT REPORTING SYSTEM

4950.   Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Incident and Fault Reporting System, and ask —

(1)   Does it record train delays due to overcrowding?

(2)   If yes to (1), for each month in the 2010 and 2011 years, how many trains were delayed due to overcrowding on each rail line?

(3)   Does the Minister keep any statistics on the delays?

(4)   If yes to (3), will you table them?

(5)   Do you monitor the average time of the delays?

(6)   If yes to (5), will you table the results for each month?

(7)   If you are unable to provide specific figures, has the Minister done any work to identify lines which are experiencing delays due to overcrowding?

(8)   If yes to (7), which lines and in which months have you identified that delays are a problem?

(9)   Has the Public Transport Authority taken any action to reduce these delays?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Public Transport Authority advises:

(1)   No

(2)   Not applicable

(3)   No statistics are kept by the Public Transport Authority (PTA) on delays due to overcrowding.

(4)   Not applicable

(5)   No

(6)   Not applicable

(7)   The PTA uses ticketing system patronage data to determine train loadings.

(8)   As advised previously at the Estimates and Financial Operations Committee hearing, the peak loading months for public transport in Perth (as in most cities) are March and April. The lines with heaviest passenger loadings are Joondalup and Mandurah.

(9)   In terms of addressing peak period crowding, the Liberal–National Government introduced 4 x 3 additional railcar sets were introduced onto the Joondalup–Mandurah lines in April 2011. In accordance with the Government's budget decision, the Liberal–National Government has ordered an additional 15 x 3 railcars sets which will begin arriving in the second half of 2013. In addition, action including railcar drivers making announcements to ensure that passengers move down the train takes place.