

PUBLIC TRANSPORT — TRAIN PURCHASE

945. Hon ED DERMER to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Minister for Transport's announcement on 4 November 2012 that the government will purchase five new three-car trains.

- (1) What is the expected date on which the last of these three trains will enter service?
- (2) What is the estimated annual cost to operate each of these trains when they enter service?
- (3) How much money has the government allocated in the forward estimates for the operation of the five trains announced on the weekend of 3 and 4 November?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question. Notice was originally given on 8 November, so that is the context of the answer. The Public Transport Authority advises —

- (1) The last of the railcars is scheduled to be delivered in late 2016.
- (2) Approximately \$1.22 million.
- (3) An additional operating subsidy of \$7.339 million.