

MIDLAND-PERTH TRAIN SERVICE — PASSENGER BOARDINGS

6233. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Midland to Perth train service which departs Midland at 7.53am on weekdays, and ask —

- (1) What were the total week day passenger boardings in each of the following financial years —
 - (a) 2009/10;
 - (b) 2010/11; and
 - (c) 2011/12?
- (2) Is the 7.53am weekday train service a two-car or four-car service?
- (3) When was this service reduced to a two car service, and why?
- (4) When will this service return to a four-car service, and if not, why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Public Transport Authority advises:

- (1)
 - (a) 181 943
 - (b) 182 622
 - (c) 186 918
- (2) This service is currently scheduled as a 2 railcar set.
- (3) This service was reduced from a 4 railcar set to a 2 railcar set on 20 August 2012 when the track layout was altered during a weekend closure. This altered layout allows the construction of the rail tunnel at the west end of Perth station to occur while the rail network continues to operate.
- (4) When the construction of the Fremantle line tunnel is finished.