

TRAIN INCIDENT — MIDLAND–FREMANTLE LINE

321. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the minister now sought further advice from the Public Transport Authority on the incident regarding a train on the Midland–Fremantle line at around 8.00 am on 10 November 2010 in which it is alleged that the brakes failed twice?
- (2) Has the PTA confirmed that an incident occurred; and, if yes, why did the minister previously deny that any serious fault had occurred with the train?
- (3) If the PTA has not confirmed the incident, what action is the PTA taking to investigate this matter?
- (4) Has the minister confirmed that the Office of Rail Safety received a report regarding an incident on a train on the Midland–Fremantle line at around 8.00 am on 10 November 2010 in which it is alleged that the brakes failed twice?
- (5) What action is the minister now taking to ensure this very important issue is fully investigated by an independent body?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of this question. The Minister for Transport provides this response —

- (1) Yes, although previous questions from the member referred to an incorrect time and did not mention brake issues.
- (2) See previous answers. The member should also be aware that none of the incidents was considered serious, hence no referral being made to the Office of Rail Safety.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) This was not a notifiable incident in accordance with ON-S1—occurrence notification standard 1.
- (5) This was not a serious incident and not a notifiable occurrence. No further investigation is necessary.