

PUBLIC TRANSPORT — TRAIN PURCHASE

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

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 960 asked on 14 November 2012.

- (1) Will the minister confirm his answer that the amount allocated in the forward estimates for the 22 new three-car trains on order is \$7.339 million?
- (2) If no to (1), what is the correct amount and in which financial years is it allocated?
- (3) Is the amount given by the minister the only money allocated in the forward estimates for the operation of any of the 22 new trains?
- (4) In light of the minister's advice that each train will have an annual operating cost of approximately \$1.2 million, why is so little money allocated in the forward estimates for the cost of operating the 22 new trains?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of this question. The Public Transport Authority advises —

- (1) No. My response to question without notice 960 and earlier to question without notice 945 was in relation to the five new three railcar set trains, as he asked, not the 22 new three railcar set trains.
- (2) I draw the member's attention to the answer provided yesterday in question without notice 960(3) regarding the estimated annual operating costs for the 22 new trains.
- (3) The estimated cost of operating the 22 new three railcar set trains on order is provided for in the forward estimates.
- (4) My response regarding the annual operating cost of approximately \$1.22 million in question without notice 945(2) was in relation to the five new three railcar set trains and not the 22 new three railcar set trains.

I hope that has clarified everything.