

EDGEWATER TRAIN STATION — MULTISTOREY CAR PARK

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

Mr President!

The PRESIDENT: I call the honourable member for Claremont—the 2012 premiers!

Hon Sue Ellery: You have just made his life!

Hon ED DERMER: You certainly have, Mr President! I was very pleased that the North Metropolitan Region includes the suburb you refer to.

Some notice of the question has been given. I refer to the call for a multistorey car park at Edgewater train station made by the Liberal candidate for Joondalup.

- (1) What is the estimated cost to construct a multistorey car park at Edgewater train station?
- (2) Did the “Directions 2031” paper identify a multistorey car park as a priority for Edgewater train station?
- (3) Will the Minister for Transport release any feasibility report that may have been prepared for a multistorey car park at Edgewater train station; and, if not, why not?
- (4) If a multistorey car park were to be constructed at Edgewater train station, would patrons be charged to use it; and, if so, how much a day would they be charged?
- (5) What feasibility reports, if any, have been prepared for the construction of multistorey car parks at other metropolitan train stations, and for which stations have such reports been prepared?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

The Minister for Transport welcomes the initiative of the Liberal candidate for Joondalup, who, like the Liberal–National government, is committed to easing car parking pressure at train stations. The member would be aware that only recently the Minister for Transport announced that an election commitment to build 3 000 car bays has been exceeded. It is also noted that a new train station to be built in Aubin Grove will provide 2 000 car bays, in comparison with an inadequate 900 offered by the opposition.

- (1)–(5) Reliable costs cannot be provided at this stage due to insufficient data. Independent of the policies enunciated in “Directions 2031”, a preliminary consultancy report to review the viability of increasing car parking capacity at Edgewater station was prepared for the Public Transport Authority. As this was a preliminary consultancy report for the PTA, it forms part of a deliberative process and would be inappropriate to table.

The member is encouraged to view the “Directions 2031” document—he will love it—for firsthand information on projects he may be interested in.