

AUSTRALIND — RAILCARS

1266. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

Thank you, President. We have to watch our acronyms!

I refer to the seventieth anniversary of the *Australind* train on 26 November 2022 and to the Public Transport Authority's *Australind* action plan of 23 January 2020 for delivery of two new *Australind* trains, expected to be delivered in 2022–23.

- (1) What is the manufacturing and fit-out status of the six new railcarriages promised for the delivery of the *Australind* to Perth and return services?
- (2) Upon delivery, what time frame is envisaged for the testing of the six railcarriages before the passenger service with the new trains becomes passenger operational?
- (3) Given that the six railcars will not be delivered in 2022, will the minister commit to both the delivery and the commencement of rail passenger operations on the new *Australind* train service in the calendar year 2023?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The procurement process of the new *Australind* railcars to replace the existing train is continuing as part of the wider procurement of the Metronet railcars. It is anticipated that the new railcars will be ready for the reopening of the Armadale line.