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**Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Emergency Services**

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Ms Samantha Parsons  
Committee Clerk  
Estimates and Financial Operations Committee  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Ms Parsons

Further to the Hon Giz Watson MLC's letter dated 16 October 2012, in relation to the Estimates and Financial Operations Committee 2011/12 Agency Annual Report Hearings on Thursday, 11 October 2012, please find attached the responses to the additional and supplementary questions for the Public Transport Authority.

Yours sincerely

**TROY BUSWELL MLA**  
**TREASURER; MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT; EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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Date of Hearing: 11 October 2012

Supplementary Information No: B1 and B2

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked how long has the A series railcar which was damaged due to an accident earlier this year has been out of service and whether that railcar is being used to source parts which are not available to ensure other railcars remain in service?

Answer:

The railcar has been out of service since the 25 November 2011.

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Date of Hearing: 11 October 2012

Supplementary Information No: B3

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked what the maintenance budget for the trains, network and stations were in the 2011/2012 and 2010/2012 financial year.

Answer:

The budget of the business areas responsible for the maintenance of the various assets.



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Supplementary Information No: B4

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked with respect to the efficiency dividends applied to the Public Transport Authority, has any cuts been made to the maintenance budget as a result of those efficiency dividends including any decrease in the number of contractors and whether or not there has been any maintenance budget increases or whether the number has remained static.

Answer:

No.

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Date of Hearing: 11 October 2012

Supplementary Information No: B5

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked if the Public Transport Authority is an organisation qualified to undertake maintenance work in accordance with the AQF framework?

Answer:

The AQF does not pre-qualify or determine if any business should or should not carry out maintenance work. Where a specific license or qualification is required, such as electricians or engineers, then only individuals who hold such qualifications are allowed to perform that work. The AQF sets industry generic skills only. Each rail operator adds additional detail to reflect its operational requirements and particular infrastructure needs.

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Date of Hearing: 11 October 2012

Supplementary Information No: B6

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked if the Public Transport Authority has received any complaints from any maintenance crew (overhead or other) on the urban rail network that cannot keep up with the workload of maintaining the system?

Answer:

There is no record of any Network and Infrastructure Division maintenance staff having raised concerns regarding staffing levels until after the recent de-wirement.

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Date of Hearing: 11 October 2012

Supplementary Information No: B7

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked whether the recent incidents including the two previous incidents on the rail system dated 5 January 2010 and on 17 August 2011 were classified as a Category A or B incident under the Rail Safety Act?

Answer:

The incident on 5 January 2010 was classified as a Category B incident in accordance with Rail Safety Regulations 1999 Schedule 1.

The incident on 17 August 2011 was classified as a Category B incident in accordance with Rail Safety Regulations 2011 s32(1).

The incident on 3 October 2012 was classified as a Category A incident in accordance with Rail Safety Regulations 2011 s32(1).

The incident on 4 October 2012 was classified as a Category B incident in accordance with Rail Safety Regulations 2011 s32(1).

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Supplementary Information No: B8

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked the Public Transport Authority to provide an update with respect to the current status of safety delegates for railcar drivers.

Answer:

The Public Transport Authority has two OSH representatives elected by railcar drivers. As instructed by Commissioner Mayman these two OSH representatives will stay on despite the fact that their term has expired until such time as they are re-elected or others have been elected in their place.

As per the agreement between the then Delegates and PTA representatives, the Western Australian Electoral Commission has called for nominations for Driver OSH representatives. The nominations for Driver OSH representatives have now closed and ten driver safety representatives will be elected by railcar drivers by 16 November 2012.



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Date of Hearing: 11 October 2012

Supplementary Information No: B9

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked the Public Transport Authority to provide the full investigation reports undertaken into the two incidents on the rail system dated 5 January 2010 and on 17 August 2011 and whether these are the only two incidents in the last five years (apart from the most recent incident on 3 October 2012) which have involved overhead wires or pantographs. If there are others, please provide the details of each case.

Answer:

The Public Transport Authority has developed Investigation Reports for the incidents on 5 January 2010 and 17 August 2011 at the request of the Office of Rail Safety. The nature of these reports are highly technical and are developed in a transparent and frank manner for members of the Office of Rail Safety who are educated in the technical aspects of the rail environment. Accordingly, without the knowledge of the industry and of the highly technical aspects of these reports, they can be misinterpreted and therefore inappropriate to provided.

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Supplementary Information No: B10

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Lynn MacLaren MLC asked with respect to the investment of additional bus service kilometres, what improvements have been made across the bus network in addition to identifying which of those are bus feeder services to train stations. Please also advise what additional subsidy the Public Transport Authority pays for each of the new or enhanced bus services.

Answer:

A total of 95 improvements were made to the Transperth bus network during the 2011/2012 financial year, of which 10 were new routes and 85 were improvements to existing services.

It is not possible to identify the additional cost for each new or enhanced bus services.

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Supplementary Information No: B11

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked with respect to the Disability Discrimination Act requirements what are the obligations in terms of ramps for bus stops, where does the State rate in accordance with the target and how close to that target is the State.

Answer:

The Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 broadly outlines accessibility requirements.

Compliance achieved as at 31 December 2007 was estimated at less than 1 per cent. Compliance achieved as at 31 December 2012 will be provided at that time.

Since 2010/2011 the State Government has allocated funds to upgrade 600 bus stops per annum. The PTA has exceeded this target each year and to date has upgraded approximately 1 700 bus stops.

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Supplementary Information No: B12

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Philip Gardner MLC asked with respect to the freight lines and the relationship with Brookfield Rail in what years has there been a renegotiation between the Government and Brookfield Rail or the previous lease owners of the agreement that the performance standards should change or that the purpose in terms of fit for purpose changed?

Answer:

2007

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Supplementary Information No: B13

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Philip Gardner MLC asked with respect to the freight lines from Nyabing and Katanning please advise why this line has not been upgraded as part of the grain line strengthening plan.

Answer:

The Nyabing to Katanning line is a Tier 3 line and has not been upgraded because it has not been used by the grain industry for over 5 years.

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Supplementary Information No: B14

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Philip Gardner MLC asked to receive a copy of the strategic grain network review which included modelling on how much a tonne of grain cost to transfer by road as opposed to rail?

Answer:

The Strategic Grain Network Committee Report is available on the internet at [www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/freight\\_Strategic\\_Grain\\_Network\\_Report.pdf](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/freight_Strategic_Grain_Network_Report.pdf)

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Supplementary Information No: B15

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked of the \$3.3 million dollars provided to Brookfield Rail in 2011/2012 as an investment to extend the life of the Tier 3 lines from Trayning to West Merredin, how much of that has been spent.

Answer:

The Public Transport Authority has paid the total amount.

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Supplementary Information No: B16

Session 2: Public Transport Authority

Question: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked in relation to the planning for the proposed station at Aubin Grove, how much of the total funding has been allocated in this financial year.

Answer:

\$1 million.