

- (i) 2000-2001;
- (ii) 2001-2002;
- (iii) 2002-2003;
- (iv) 2003-2004;
- (v) 2004-2005; and
- (vi) 2005-2006?

- (2) What was the total cost of -
- (a) interstate; and
 - (b) intrastate holidays in each of the years referred to in (1)?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

- (1) (a) (i) No data was centrally collected.
(ii) No data was centrally collected.
(iii) 50
(iv) 94
(v) 56
(vi) 80
- (b) Data is not centrally collected.
- (2) (a) (i) No data was centrally collected.
(ii) No data was centrally collected.
(iii) \$36,223.90
(iv) \$81,040.09
(v) \$48,139.65
(vi) \$48,448.80
- (b) Data is not centrally collected.

RAILWAYS - BUNBURY TO PERTH LINE BETWEEN PINJARRA AND BRUNSWICK

1441. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) When will the upgrade of the Bunbury to Perth train line between Pinjarra to Brunswick from wooden sleepers to concrete sleepers be completed?
- (2) How long will this upgrade take?
- (3) What impact will there be on the current freight and Australind service using the track while any upgrade is being undertaken?
- (4) As some of the freight trains are currently longer than the existing sidings, will the length of track sidings be increased to accommodate the current longest freight trains so that the Australind has absolute priority?
- (5) Will any upgrade also cater for the expected further increase in length of freight trains as additional freight comes on line from industry expansions?
- (6) If so, when will these upgrades take place and specifically what sidings will be increased and to what length?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (1)-(6) As the member will be aware following the privatisation of Westrail by the Liberal-National Government the rail network in the South West has been leased to WestNet Rail Pty Ltd which is responsible for operation, maintenance and upgrading of the network. The Member should therefore address these questions to them. However we can confirm that the Australind and other trains have designated train paths and hence have no priority. There was no priority entrenched in the lease contract entered into in 2000

AUSTRALIND, PROSPECTOR AND AVONLINK - REPLACEMENT OF ROLLING STOCK

1442. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) What funds have been budgeted to replace the aging Australind rolling stock?
- (2) In what financial year will the rolling stock be replaced?
- (3) What was the total cost and the cost per carriage of the new Prospector in 2004?
- (4) What was the total cost and the cost per carriage of the new AvonLink in 2005?

- (5) What is the current cost of new rolling stock per carriage?
- (6) Will the new rolling stock accommodate the needs of the disabled in terms of unrestricted access to all aspects of the service?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (1) In the past four years we have spent \$5 598 615.94 upgrading and maintaining the Australind and are currently undertaking a refurbishment.
- (2) PTA continually reviews the performance of its rollingstock and will make recommendations to the Government as to the optimum time for replacing the current Australind. Well-maintained trains have a long service life with the recently retired Prospector fleet serving the State since 1971.
- (3) As there is some minor work still being done on the Prospector fleet, the final cost is yet to be determined. However it will be approximately \$43 million at a cost of \$6.1 million per car.
- (4) Similarly the final cost of the Avonlink is yet to be determined. However it will be approximately \$12.6 million at a cost of \$6.3 million per car.
- (5) The current cost of rollingstock per carriage depends on many aspects, including the size; features and state of the market at the time tenders are sought.
- (6) As was the case for the new Prospector, any new rollingstock purchased by PTA will meet access requirements for people with disabilities.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - SUBSIDIES, REBATES AND CONCESSIONS TO AGED PENSIONERS, DISABILITY PENSIONERS AND SELF-FUNDED RETIREES

1452. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management

Will the Deputy Premier please list all subsidies, rebates and concessions administered or provided by all agencies within his portfolio for -

- (a) aged pensioners (people in receipt of the Commonwealth Aged Pension);
- (b) disability pensioners (people in receipt of the Commonwealth Disability Support Pension);
- (c) self-funded retirees in receipt of a partial Commonwealth Aged Pension; and
- (d) self-funded retirees in receipt of no Commonwealth Government assistance.

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

Office of the Auditor General

- (a)-(d) Nil

Insurance Commission of Western Australia

- (a)-(d) N/A.

State Supply Commission

- (a)-(d) N/A.

Economic Regulation Authority

- (a)-(d) Nil

Lotterywest

- (a)-(d) None of these subsidies, rebates and concessions apply to Lotterywest.

Western Australian Treasury Corporation

- (a)-(d) Nil.

GESB

- (a)-(d) Nil

Department of Treasury and Finance answer

- (a) A rebate of 50% of water and local government rates and the emergency services levy is available to aged pensioners who hold a Pensioner Concession Card.
- (b) A rebate of 50% of water and local government rates and the emergency services levy is available to disability pensioners who hold a Pensioner Concession Card.