

PERTH-BUNBURY FAST TRAIN SERVICE — FEASIBILITY STUDY

1089. Hon ADELE FARINA to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to my question without notice 1078 asked yesterday and the minister's answer on the feasibility study on a fast train from Perth to Bunbury.

- (1) What are the unresolved issues with regard to the final section of the route from Eaton to Koombana Bay that require further attention?
- (2) What is required to be done to resolve these unresolved issues?
- (3) What is the time line for completing this?
- (4) Why will the government not release the feasibility study as promised?
- (5) When does the government expect to be in a position to make a public statement on its position on delivering a fast train from Perth to Bunbury?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

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

- (1) The major issues are the limited space within the Koombana Drive corridor and land immediately adjacent to accommodate road and freight-rail requirements with those of a passenger railway; how the railway will integrate with the proposed developments on Koombana Bay; and integration of the railway within the median of the Australind bypass between Eaton and the Eelup rotary.
- (2) Ongoing commitment and attention from the stakeholders involved in the process is required to resolve these issues.
- (3) As soon as possible.
- (4)-(5) The government cannot commit to any further action prior to the completion of the deliberations that now need to take place.