

TRAYNING–MERREDIN RAIL LINE

4482. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) Has the Trayning to Merredin line been put into care and maintenance?
 - (2) What work will be required to bring it back from care and maintenance to become fully operational?
 - (3) Has any estimation been done on the cost to return this line to operational in the future?
 - (4) If yes to (3), what work and what is the estimated cost?
 - (5) Does the cost to return the line to operational increase over time?
 - (6) If yes to (5), by how much each year does the cost increase?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Public Transport Authority advises:

- (1) Yes. However, as announced on 1 September 2011, Government is considering an extension of the operational life of this line for the 2011/2012 harvest.
- (2)–(6) Work is currently being undertaken to investigate the required works and associated cost for the Government's consideration.