

GRAIN RAIL NETWORK STRATEGY

1255. Hon ALISON XAMON to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the long-awaited grain rail network strategy.

- (1) What is the current status of the state's grain rail network strategy report?
- (2) When will the report be tabled?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question, which was given last Tuesday, 24 November, when the information was correct. It obviously did not quite get up until today.

Hon Alison Xamon: I was hoping we would have something in the last week.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: The member is in luck, and we are all happy to be here! I have a written answer, but for the record I will read it as though the question was asked today.

- (1) The Strategic Grain Network Committee provided a final draft of the report to me last Monday, 23 November.
- (2) I expect to release the report publicly in the near future. However, I am sure members will appreciate that there is considerable detail to observe first. Once I have had the opportunity to assess all the findings, I will do so. I might also note that I am very pleased with the work of each of the representatives who made up the Strategic Grain Network Committee and the dedicated and responsible manner in which they approached the challenges we all face in maintaining the grain freight network for the present and into the future. I thank the honourable member and other members for their interest in this very important matter, and look forward to sharing progress with them in the near future.