

FORRESTFIELD–KWINANA RAIL FREIGHT LINE

8719. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Transport

I refer to the rail freight line known as the Forrestfield to Kwinana line, and ask:

- (a) have any of the Minister's agencies investigated the possibility of sinking the rail line below Nicholson Road to remove the level crossing;
- (b) which agencies have undertaken or contracted the work;
- (c) which contractors have been involved in doing the work;
- (d) are the reports relating to these projects publicly available;
- (e) what are the names of the reports;
- (f) what are the cost estimates for sinking the rail line;
- (g) do the estimates include costs associated with creating enough space for the Thornlie passenger line to be extended, running parallel to the freight line, to a proposed train station site immediately west of Nicholson Road;
- (h) what is the cost of ensuring the availability of sufficient space for the Thornlie passenger line to be extended to a site immediately west of Nicholson Road;
- (i) what is the cost of doing engineering and site works to prepare for the laying of track on the land for the Thornlie passenger line to be extended to a site immediately west of Nicholson Road; and
- (j) what is the cost of the tracks, associated materials and labour required for the extension of the train line to a site immediately west of Nicholson Road?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The Public Transport Authority (PTA).
- (c) Aurecon Group Brand (Pte) Ltd.
- (d) The final report has not yet been formally endorsed by PTA.
- (e) Nicholson Road Grade Separation Concept Design Report.
- (f)–(g) As the report has not been formally endorsed there is no firm estimate.
- (h) The space for the passenger line is already available.
- (i)–(j) Information regarding site works for laying the track is not available as the PTA is currently examining these costs.