

PERTH – BUNBURY FAST TRAIN SERVICE — FEASIBILITY STUDY

2941. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

- (1) Have any of the studies into the feasibility of a fast train from Perth to Bunbury, provided an estimation of the cost of this project?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) what is the estimated cost for the project; and
 - (b) what were the main assumptions used in estimated the cost?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) Yes. Preliminary planning costs for infrastructure only were provided through the Final Report titled Perth to Bunbury Fast Train Feasibility Study January 2010 undertaken for the Public Transport Authority by consultants GHD. Appendix C of this report outlines these costs.
- (2)
 - (a) Preliminary estimated infrastructure costs expressed in the last quarter of 2009 dollar values are as follows -
 - Perth Underground to Eaton with grade separation of Forrest Highway Road interchanges \$872 million;
 - Eaton to Bunbury City with grade separation of roads \$110 million; and
 - additional cost for an electric railway from Perth Underground to Bunbury City \$195 million.
 - (b) The estimated cost is an attempt to give a realistic understanding of the actual cost by providing the engineering feasibility, defining a preferred route having investigated several options with regard to environmental, social, land use, risk and other criteria. These are fully described in the Final Report. [See paper 2859.]