

TIER 3 RAIL LINES CLOSURE — ROADS UPGRADE

5833. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Tier 3 rail lines that are planned for closure on 31 October 2012 and the road upgrades intended to enable the expected replacement truck traffic to operate safely on nearby roads, and I ask —

- (1) Will the Trayning–Merredin line close on 31 October 2012?
- (2) If no to (1), when will this line close?
- (3) Which roads will be/have been upgraded to replace the traffic on this line?
- (4) How much money has been spent on upgrading these roads?
- (5) How much money remains to be spent to upgrade these roads?
- (6) Will all road upgrades be complete by the time this line is due to close?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1)–(2) There are currently no plans to close any Tier 3 rail lines.
- (3)–(6) The Liberal–National State Government has allocated \$118m towards upgrading state and local roads throughout the grain freight network to complement the Tier 3 rail lines.