

GRAIN RAIL NETWORK — TIER 3 LINES

908. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

My question is to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport.

Hon Simon O'Brien: Here we go!

Hon KEN TRAVERS: I hope I get as full and comprehensive an answer, minister.

- (1) Will the Wheatbelt tier 3 rail lines be up to proper safety standards for the 2011–12 grain harvest?
- (2) If yes to (1), was the state government premature in putting the tier 3 lines into care and maintenance for safety reasons?
- (3) What is included in the \$3 million worth of works identified as necessary to get these railways up to proper safety standards?
- (4) Has the government authorised the payment of funds to the private lessee of these lines to enable these works to commence immediately; and, if no, when will the work commence?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) Labour, material, plant, track recorder and contingency works.
- (4) Yes.