

STATE BUDGET 2012–13 — EXPENDITURE IN NORTH METROPOLITAN REGION

353. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the minister representing the Treasurer:

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 292 regarding his media release claiming \$1.419 billion will be spent in the North Metropolitan Region.

- (1) Did the Treasurer or his office receive a list of all projects in north metro and the amount being spent on them prior to issuing the release?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Treasurer table it?
- (3) If no to (1), on what basis did the Treasurer make his claim of \$1.419 billion?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. I followed his question closely as he was asking it. I just want to confirm that this was the one that he originally gave notice of back on 23 May.

Hon Ken Travers: Yes, before the break.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: The then Treasurer, who responded at the time, has asked me to convey the following —

I thank the member for some notice of this question. Firstly, the member is again requested to put questions requesting large volumes of information on notice so that there is adequate time to prepare and check answers.

- (1)–(2) The total amount planned to be spent in the region is derived from a report generated by the Department of Treasury. Prior to the media release being issued, the Treasurer and his office are provided with the amounts for regions at their request. This is a normal process during the development of a budget.
- (3) It was on the basis of the advice by the Department of Treasury on the total amount planned to be spent in the region.