

TREASURER'S ADVANCE — FREMANTLE PORT RAIL

108. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the \$2.1 million offset for deferral of the Fremantle port rail service listed in the document detailing the Treasurer's advance excesses and new items.

- (1) How does the government expect this offset to be achieved?
- (2) Will this offset require any change to the rate of subsidy paid for containers moved by rail; and, if so, what will be the change?
- (3) What percentage of containers does the government expect will be carried by rail from Fremantle port this financial year?
- (4) Does the government still have a target of 30 per cent of containers carried by rail by 2013; and, if yes, how does it expect to achieve it?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The downturn arising from the global financial crisis has resulted in a lower subsidy being required.
- (2) No.
- (3) It is 10.5 per cent.
- (4) The government will seek to maximise the proportion of containers on rail.