

TIER 3 GRAIN RAIL LINES — REPLACEMENT BY ROAD NETWORK

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

I refer to the road network proposed in the strategic grain network review to replace the tier 3 grain rail lines.

- (1) What is the estimated annualised replacement cost for this proposed road network?
- (2) What is the estimated additional annual maintenance cost for this road network?
- (3) How much of these costs are local governments expected to meet?
- (4) Is the minister aware of the estimated annualised replacement cost outlined in the report on the local government grain freight network prepared for the Western Australian Local Government Association?
- (5) Can the minister explain the difference between the estimated costs in the WALGA report and the SGN review?
- (6) Are local governments expected to meet the increased maintenance and annualised replacement costs for all local roads in the proposed road network?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of his question.

- (1) The information sought is not readily at hand in the time frame given.
- (2) The estimated cost is \$3.5 million per annum for state and local government roads.
- (3) Local governments are expected to meet the full amount, less any contribution from other sources as determined.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The difference is that one is based on unescalated dollars.
- (6) Refer to the response to question (3).