

GRAIN FREIGHT NETWORK

**318. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the minister's announcement on Friday that the state government will invest \$50 million in the state grain freight network.

- (1) Can the minister provide a complete breakdown of all the programs that were included in the announcement and the amount of money that will be spent on those programs in each financial year?
- (2) Does the \$30 million allocated by the commonwealth government require specific matching funding; and, if yes, which of the programs in answer to (1) match the commonwealth funding?
- (3) How much of this money will be spent on maintaining or upgrading any tier-3 lines in the network?
- (4) Does the state government still expect the commonwealth government to provide up to \$135 million to match state funds for the grain freight network?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The programs that were included in the announcement are as follows. A total of \$60 million, of which the state will contribute \$30 million, is being provided for rail re-sleepering. The breakdown of funding is \$43.6 million for the Avon-Albany line and \$16.4 million on the tier-1 and tier-2 network. Sections for re-sleepering will be finalised by the Public Transport Authority and WestNet Rail. All moneys are to be spent in 2010-11. A total of \$7.93 million will be spent on Chester Pass Road, of which \$490 000 will be spent in 2009-10, \$5.01 million will be spent in 2010-11 and \$2.43 million will be spent in 2011-12. The total amount spent on the transitional assistance package will be \$11.656 million, of which \$3.368 million will be spent in 2009-10; \$4.088 million will be spent in 2010-11; and \$1.4 million a year will be spent in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) None.
- (4) Yes.