

TIER 3 RAIL LINE CLOSURE — WHEAT BIN UPGRADES

4669. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) What upgrades are required at wheat bins along the Albany to Avon rail line and the Northam to Merredin rail line to implement the Government's strategy as part of the decision to close the Tier 3 Grain Freight Rail Lines?
  - (2) Who will be required to pay for these upgrades?
  - (3) When does the Government expect this work to occur?
  - (4) What is the current cost per tonne to transport grain by rail from the Brookton wheat bin to the Kwinana Grain Terminal?
  - (5) What does the Government expect the cost per tonne to transport grain by rail from the Brookton wheat bin to the Kwinana Grain Terminal will be following these upgrades?
  - (6) What is the current cost per tonne to transport grain by road from the Brookton wheat bin to the Kwinana Grain Terminal?
  - (7) What does the Government expect the cost per tonne to transport grain by road from the Brookton wheat bin to the Kwinana Grain Terminal will be following these upgrades?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1) It is intended for upgrades to take place at Brookton on the Great Southern railway and at Kelleberrin on the Eastern Goldfields Railway.
- (2) Co-operative Bulk Handling and the State Government.
- (3) It is intended that the work will occur over 2012–13.
- (4)–(7) This is confidential commercial information of Co-operative Bulk Handling.