

DIVISION 34: TRANSPORT —

[Supplementary Information No B35.]

Question: Mr C.J. Tallentire asked how much grain, in tonnage, wouldl be transferred away from the road network onto the rail network.

Answer: The Transitional Assistance Package provides for keeping grain currently being transported by rail on the tier three rail lines and applies to the Kwinana South Zone.

In 2009, the harvest produced 1,122,000 tonnes of grain of which 267,000 tonnes has been transported direct to port by rail. An additional 114,000 tonnes was transported by road to rail bins on Eastern Goldfields Rail Line for accelerated movement to port. An additional 31,000 was transported by road to domestic destinations such as the Metro Grain Centre.

A further 567,000 tonnes remains in CBH bins to be transported predominately by rail.

During February and March, road transport was used to accommodate peak shipping demands.

The percentage of grain carted by rail is estimated to be consistent with previous harvests.