

STRATEGIC GRAIN NETWORK REVIEW

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

I refer to the business case for the WA strategic grain network review.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the business case included an expected investment of \$27 million in improved road and rail infrastructure by Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd at its Brookton, Kellerberrin and Merredin sites?
- (2) Is the success of the Brookton strategy dependent on this investment occurring?
- (3) Has CBH agreed to make this investment?
- (4) If this investment does not occur, how does the government intend to ensure that grain is carted by rail, not road, to the Kwinana and metropolitan grain terminals?
- (5) Is the government confident that the CBH Brookton grain site is capable of handling the volumes of grain expected to be shipped through it following the closure of the tier 3 lines?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The government's investment in rail siding extensions at Kellerberrin and Brookton, in conjunction with CBH investment in rapid loading facilities at these sites, is more relevant to the strategy.
- (3) The government continues to work with CBH to ensure that the infrastructure investment at Brookton and Kellerberrin is made.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Yes.