

THORNLIE RAILWAY LINE — EXTENSION

2677. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Has the master plan for the public transport report been completed, as per the advice in the Minister's answer to Question On Notice No. 522, which gave the probable date for delivery of the report as being the end of 2009?
- (2) What priority does the Government give to the extension of the Thornlie railway line to Nicholson Road and Canning Vale in the draft report?

Mr M.J. COWPER replied:

- (1) No. A long term public transport strategy for Perth is being developed by a project team working at the Public Transport Authority and reporting to an Independent Panel of experts that I appointed early in 2009. I have met regularly with the Chairman of the Independent Panel, Mr Stuart Hicks and he has advised me that a report will be delivered to the Government in the coming months.
- (2) A proposed extension of the Thornlie railway line to Nicholson Road and Canning Vale will be considered as part of the long term public transport plan.