

PERTH FREIGHT LINK — FEDERAL FUNDING

987. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Attorney General representing the Treasurer:

I refer to reports that \$1.1 billion of federal funding will not be made available unless sections 1 and 2 of the Perth Freight Link project are committed to in full.

- (1) When was the Treasurer first made aware that \$1.1 billion of federal funding would not be made available if the state did not commit to both sections 1 and 2 of Perth Freight Link?
- (2) Does the Treasurer believe that the commonwealth will proceed with withholding the full \$1.1 billion if the state does not commit to section 2?
- (3) Has the Treasurer seen a copy of the 14 September 2016 letter from federal minister Paul Fletcher to the then Minister for Transport that sets out the commonwealth's position in relation to both sections?
- (4) If yes to (3), when did the Treasurer first see a copy of the 14 September 2016 letter?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

On behalf of the Treasurer I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) We are committed to building the whole freight link. The commonwealth has made clear from the start its preference for the whole Perth Freight Link to proceed as a single project since funding was announced as part of the 2014–15 commonwealth budget.
- (2) The state is committed to section 2.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) It was on 19 September 2016.