

WESTNET RAIL — EXPENDITURE ON GRAIN FREIGHT NETWORK

762. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the \$16.5 million contribution by WestNet Rail towards expenditure on the grain freight network.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the money being contributed by WestNet is linked to an outstanding commitment under its lease agreement related to all lines that are targeted to cease operations or have ceased due to no business?
- (2) Which lines targeted to cease does the contribution relate to?
- (3) Which lines that have ceased due to no business does the contribution relate to?
- (4) How much of the \$16.5 million is related to lines targeted to cease and lines ceased due to no business?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The money being contributed by WestNet for an outstanding commitment under its lease agreement is linked to specific line sections.
- (2) It relates to the Bruce Rock – Yilliminning line.
- (3) The Tambellup–Gnowangerup and Katanning–Nyabing lines.
- (4) The majority of the \$16.5 million is related to the Bruce Rock–Yilliminning line.