

FREMANTLE PORT RAIL SERVICE SUBSIDY

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

I refer to “Details of Controlled Grants and Subsidies” listed on page 658 of the 2011–12 state budget, which has no money allocated for the Fremantle port rail service subsidy for the 2011–12 financial year.

- (1) Is the government still paying a subsidy for containers moved by rail from the port?
- (2) If yes to (1), has the government allocated funding for this subsidy to continue?
- (3) If yes to (2), how much was allocated for this purpose and when?
- (4) If no to (2), from where is funding to pay this subsidy coming; and how much money is available from this source to pay for the subsidy in this financial year?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

Has Hon Ken Travers no faith in the new Minister for Transport?

Hon Ken Travers: I had more faith in you, minister, and that’s not saying much, unfortunately!

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: That is a good start, is it not?

Hon Ken Travers: I am saying he was better than Buswell; I am not denying that.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) An amount of \$3 million has been allocated.
- (4) Not applicable.