

RAILWAY SERVICES — ALKIMOS AND ELLENBROOK

**1179. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to claims on Channel 7 News last night that Alkimos will get a rail service before Ellenbrook.

- (1) Is this claim correct?
- (2) What resources are currently being allocated to providing rail services to Alkimos and to Ellenbrook?
- (3) When does the minister expect that rail services will commence at Alkimos and at Ellenbrook?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

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

I see that the member is up to Alkimos now with the northern railway. That is a good way beyond anything that members opposite were interested in when they were last in government.

**Hon Ken Travers:** That is not true, minister, and you are misleading the house in saying things like that. I have followed this issue for a long time. Don't worry about that!

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** How far north was the former government going to build the railway before the last election?

**Hon Ken Travers:** We had done the master planning to Butler. Have you done any master planning?

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** Oh! There we go—all the way to Butler! Now the member is talking about Alkimos!

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! I heard a three-part question asked. The minister has responsibility to answer that question, not several others.

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** Then, Mr President, I will limit myself to these three answers.

- (1) No.
- (2) The provision of public transport services throughout the metropolitan area, including Alkimos and Ellenbrook, will be considered as part of the state integrated public transport strategy, which is expected to be completed in the June quarter of 2010.
- (3) See (2).