

GRAIN RAIL NETWORK — REVIEW

596. Hon DARREN WEST to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:

- (1) Does the National Party intend to honour its election promise to hold an independent review to provide advice on further investment in the grain rail network?
- (2) If yes to (1), when does the minister expect the review to commence?
- (3) If no to (1), what action has the minister taken to try to have the review implemented?
- (4) What action will the minister take to ensure the tier 3 rail lines remain open until the completion of this review?

The PRESIDENT: Minister for Agriculture and Food, there is one section of that question that asks what a political party intends to do. It is not for a minister to answer a question in relation to what a political party is going to do; it is in terms of what the government is going to do.

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

Thank you, Mr President.

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

- (1)–(4) This election commitment is contained within the “Seizing the Opportunity” agricultural election commitment that has now been adopted by the Liberal–National government. Work is currently underway to determine the parameters of the state infrastructure audit and the infrastructure investment fund. Further details of these initiatives will be announced following the government’s consideration.