

“OUTER NORTH-EASTERN CORRIDOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT STRATEGY—
PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY”

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

After such a big build-up, Mr President! I refer to the “Outer North-Eastern Corridor Public Transport Strategy—Pre-Feasibility Study” prepared by Parsons Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Ltd.

- (1) Has the minister or his office provided a copy of this study or a summary of this study to any government backbencher?
- (2) If yes, who was it provided to, and when?
- (3) Will the minister table a copy of the study?
- (4) Will the minister table a copy of any summary provided to any government backbencher?
- (5) If no to (3) or (4), why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Transport advises —

- (1)–(5) The minister notes that this document recently fell into the scope of a freedom of information application by the member. The document was deemed to be exempt under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 1992. It would be inappropriate for the minister to table the document to circumvent the freedom of information process. The member is well aware through his ample experience with this act that the proper action to take if dissatisfied with a freedom of information notice of decision is to request a review. Discussions about this document have taken place with government members, as is standard practice for a cooperative and well-functioning government.