

TIER 3 RAIL LINES — BUSINESS CASES

976. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd's statement that although a record 17.69 million tonnes of grain has been shipped out of Western Australia this year, it is of little consequence due to the inefficiencies in the Western Australian supply chain in getting grain from up country receival points to port and to markets. Therefore, I again ask the following question.

- (1) When will the business cases for each of these proposed tier 3 lines, Quairading–York, Kulin via Yilliminning to Narrogin, and Kondinin via Narembeen to West Merredin, be made public?
- (2) Which, if any, of the business cases have been submitted to Infrastructure Australia, and when were they submitted?
- (3) Has the minister formally approached the federal Labor government for financial contributions for these lines; and, if not, why not?

Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question and provide the following answer on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport.

- (1)–(3) There is no update to the advice provided in the minister's previous answers on this matter. I remind the member that we would not be having these discussions had the previous Liberal–National government not allowed the closure of the tier 3 network.