

GREENBUSHES–BUNBURY RAIL LINE — FEASIBILITY STUDY

748. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the joint media statement of 14 July 2023 from the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Regional Development trumpeting a \$3.3 million contribution towards a study into the recommissioning of the Greenbushes–Bunbury railway line.

- (1) What tangible and substantive actions and assessable deliverables has the Labor government delivered on its 2020 feasibility study undertaken into reopening the Greenbushes railway line?
- (2) What was the total cost of the 2020 feasibility study into the Greenbushes–Bunbury line?
- (3) What is the detailed scope of this new study announced on 14 July this year, and how does it vary from the scope of the 2020 feasibility study?
- (4) What did the 2020 study estimate the cost of reopening the line to be?
- (5) Did the 2020 study deliver a complete or incomplete business case for the government to assess?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer was provided to me by the Minister for Transport.

- (1)–(5) The 2020 feasibility study was privately commissioned and funded, other than a small contribution by the South West Development Commission. The current detailed feasibility study is being undertaken jointly by government and industry and will determine the cost of reinstatement of the track, level crossings and new terminal facilities in the Greenbushes and Bunbury areas, and a joint Talison Lithium, Arc Infrastructure and government funding proposition.