

TIER 3 RAIL LINES — BUSINESS CASES

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

I refer to my questions without notice 194, 241, 667, 691, 877 and 976, asked between March and October 2022 in relation to the Quairading–York, Kulin via Yilliminning to Narrogin, and Kondinin via Narembeen to West Merredin proposed tier 3 lines.

- (1) When will the business cases for each of these proposed lines 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?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(4) The McGowan government is committed to delivering a \$200 million agricultural supply chain improvement program in partnership with the Albanese Labor government, CBH and Arc Infrastructure. This package includes the \$72 million commitment to work towards the progressive recommissioning of the Narrogin–Kulin line, which was closed under the Barnett Liberal–National government in 2014. Our government is committed to supporting the best use of public and private financial resources to ensure that the most cost effective road and rail network can be provided to handle the growing grain export task. We will continue to work with the federal government and WA grain industry on rail upgrade projects that address the greatest needs and provide the greatest benefits.