

TIER 3 RAIL LINES — BUSINESS CASES

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

I refer to my questions without notice 194 of 22 March 2022 and 241 of 23 March 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 approached the new federal Labor government for financial contributions for these lines; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport.

- (1)–(3) Stage 1 of the joint state and commonwealth agricultural supply chain improvements—ASCI—program has already committed \$72 million towards the progressive recommissioning of the Narrogin–Kulin line. The Minister for Transport is in close contact with the commonwealth government and is pursuing opportunities for further federal funding of ASCI projects.