

TIER 3 RAIL LINES — BUSINESS CASES

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

Thank you, President; well navigated.

I refer to my questions without notice 194 of 22 March 2022, 241 of 23 March 2022, 667 of 16 August 2022 and 691 of 17 August 2022 in relation to the Quairading–York, Kulin via Yilliminning to Narrogin, and Kondinin via Narembeen to West Merredin proposed tier 3 lines.

- (1) Are all three business cases finalised?
- (2) When will the businesses cases for each of these proposed lines be made public?
- (3) Which, if any, of the business cases have been submitted to Infrastructure Australia, and when were they submitted?
- (4) Has the minister approached the new federal Labor government for financial contributions for these lines; and, if not, why not?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(4) An amount of \$72 million has already been committed towards the progressive recommissioning of the Narrogin–Kulin line as part of round 1 of the joint state–commonwealth agricultural supply chain improvements—ASCI—program. Tier 3 lines continue to be evaluated for inclusion in future submissions to the commonwealth. The Minister for Transport continues to advocate for further federal funding of ASCI projects and maintains close contact with the commonwealth government.

**Hon Dr Steve Thomas:** The business cases?

**Hon SUE ELLERY:** That is the answer.