FORRESTFIELD-AIRPORT LINK — SOIL CONTAMINATION

1193. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the answer to my question without notice 1083 asked on 14 October 2020, which revealed that 600 000 cubic metres of PFAS-contaminated Forrestfield–Airport Link spoil was being stockpiled at 777 Abernethy Road, Forrestfield, and to the answer to question without notice 1152 asked on 17 November 2022, which revealed that the same volume of 600 000 cubic metres of contaminated spoil remains stockpiled at 777 Abernethy Road.

- (1) Why, more than two years after my original question and in the midst of a self-proclaimed government infrastructure boom, has none of this spoil been utilised in government infrastructure projects, especially Metronet projects?
- (2) Why, more than two years after my original question, does the government persist with the myth that the stockpiled waste at Abernethy Road is at a temporary site?
- (3) Will the minister outline and detail to the house the McGowan government's specific plan to address this long-term 600 000 cubic metre waste stockpile?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

(1)–(4) Beneficial re-use of this soil has already commenced on infrastructure projects across Perth.