

TIER 3 RAIL LINES — BUSINESS CASES

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

It feels like a Thursday, President!

I refer to my questions without notice 317, 340 and 565, asked on 22 and 23 June and 31 August 2021, on the business cases being developed by the government for three tier 3 rail lines, and to the five months that have passed since the time of my initial question.

- (1) Are the business cases finally completed for all or any of these three lines; and, if so, which ones?
- (2) When are the business cases due to be given to the government?
- (3) What is the deadline for the current funding round associated with submitting the cases to Infrastructure Australia for consideration?
- (4) Which entities, agencies, departments and/or consultants are preparing the business cases, and was a time frame imposed upon the preparation of each business case?
- (5) When will the three business cases be made public?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(5) Development of the WA agricultural supply chain improvements stage 2 options assessment business case is ongoing and is expected to be finalised in the coming months. The McGowan government has secured \$200 million for agricultural supply chain improvements package 1 and will continue to advocate for more funding for regional WA.