

KWINANA FREEWAY CORRIDOR, TRANSPORT USAGE

395. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (1) Were BSD Consultants commissioned in July 1996 to study options to maximise transport usage of the Kwinana Freeway corridor?
- (2) If yes, who commissioned the study?
- (3) When was the report of the study presented to the Government?
- (4) Will the minister now table the report?

Hon G.T. GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes. From the executive summary of the report it is apparent that BSD Consultants was asked to undertake a study to establish whether it was possible to accommodate a railway in the Kwinana Freeway reserve between Perth city station and Mandurah and what short-term measures might be undertaken to ease existing traffic congestion on the Narrows Bridge.
- (2) The then Commissioner of Railways commissioned BSD Consultants to undertake the study.
- (3) My copy of the question refers to the study being presented to Parliament; the member referred to “the Government”.

Hon Derrick Tomlinson: Yes, I did. It has never been presented to Parliament. I want to know who got it.

Hon G.T. GIFFARD: In that case, the minister’s response is that, to the best of her understanding, the report has never been made public.

- (4) A copy will be obtained and tabled at the next sitting of the House.