

LITHIUM RAIL SUPPLY CHAIN

**538. Hon DIANE EVERS to the minister representing Minister for Transport:**

I refer to question without notice 806 asked on 13 August 2019 about the lithium rail supply chain.

- (1) Has the second stage of the pre-feasibility work and business case been completed; and —
  - (a) if no, when will this be completed;
  - (b) if yes, has the department assessed the viability of the proposal; and, if so, what was the outcome; and
  - (c) if no to (1)(b), when will the department complete its assessment?
- (2) Will the minister please table a current consolidated copy of the lease to Arc Infrastructure; and —
  - (a) if not, why not;
  - (b) if it is due to commercial-in-confidence reasons, will the minister please table a redacted copy; and
  - (c) if no to (2)(b), why not?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Transport. I note that this question was asked on 20 May. The answer is current as of that date.

- (1) The project proponents have completed the pre-feasibility study and are now undertaking a full feasibility study and detailed design. The Department of Transport will consider the outcome of this process.
- (2) The Rail Freight Corridor Land Use Agreement (Narrow Gauge) and Railway Infrastructure Lease was tabled in Parliament in 2014 as part of the Economics and Industry Standing Committee's inquiry into the management of Western Australia's freight rail network.