

LITHIUM RAIL SUPPLY CHAIN

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

I refer to the minister's response to my question without notice 389 on 11 April 2019 regarding the lithium rail supply chain.

- (1) Has the department's assessment of the viability of the proposal been completed; and, if so, what was the outcome; and, if not, when is the work likely to be completed?
- (2) Given that mining operations are expected to see a substantial increase in the near future, when can the public expect a decision on the south west lithium rail supply chain?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) The transport portfolio is currently awaiting the outcome of work by Arc Infrastructure, including the second stage of pre-feasibility work and the business case.
- (2) A decision will be able to be made following this process.