

BUNBURY–GREENBUSHES RAIL LINE — LITHIUM MINING

**1212. Hon DIANE EVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the minister's response to my question without notice 458 on 13 June 2018 regarding the Bunbury–Greenbushes rail line.

- (1) What was the outcome of negotiations between the Talison Lithium joint venture and Arc Infrastructure on the rail task?
- (2) Will the Bunbury–Greenbushes rail line be returned to operating condition?
- (3) If yes to (2), when will this occur?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?
- (5) If an outcome is yet to be reached, what is the anticipated time frame for negotiations to be completed?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1)–(5) The government is not a party to the negotiations. However, it understands that the negotiations between Talison Lithium and Arc Infrastructure are ongoing. Whether the rail line will be returned to operating condition will depend on the negotiations between Talison Lithium and Arc Infrastructure.