

TIER 3 RAIL LINES — EFFECT OF CLOSURE

719. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Minister for Transport's claim in the other place yesterday that "The closure of tier 3 railway lines will see zero extra truck movements in the metropolitan area."

- (1) Does the minister stand by this claim?
- (2) Has the minister been briefed by Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd on how it intends to move the remaining grain in bins serviced by the tier 3 rail lines to port?
- (3) Did CBH give the minister a commitment that all transfer of grain on road would be bin to bin and would then be moved by rail to port?
- (4) Did CBH give the minister a commitment that no grain from the tier 3 area would be transferred by road to Kwinana port?
- (5) If no to (4), on what basis does the minister make his claim of zero trucks?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) CBH have advised that in the event of tier 3 closing, they will conduct bin-to-bin transfers to Kellerberrin and Brookton.
- (3)–(4) No.
- (5) Refer to part (2) above. In addition, CBH has advised that overall there will be fewer trucks carting into the metropolitan area due to record levels of freight being moved by rail, irrespective of whether tier 3 is closed permanently or otherwise; therefore, a zero increase.