

FORRESTFIELD–AIRPORT LINK PROJECT

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

I refer to the glossy brochure released yesterday and the parliamentary secretary's answer to question without notice 757 regarding the costing methodology and unescalated costs of the proposed airport rail line.

- (1) Is the minister aware that unescalated costs were provided in the published project definition plans for the new Perth Stadium and the new Perth Stadium transport plan?
- (2) Is the minister aware that the costing methodology used and an unescalated cost was released by Treasury in its election costing of the Liberal's airport rail line?
- (3) Will the minister confirm that the figures referred to in (1) were able to be published because they never went to cabinet?
- (4) If no to (3), will the minister explain why he now refuses to provide similar information for the airport rail?
- (5) Was the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors WA branch's construction cost index forecast—CCIF—used for escalating the base cost of this project?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) Yes, the project definition plans for the stadium and the transport plan included both escalated and unescalated costs.
- (2) Yes, the Department of Treasury's costings included both escalated and unescalated costs.
- (3) No.
- (4) The scale and complexity of the projects are very different, and with market volatility and cost sensitivity around some elements of the work, it is not appropriate to publish such details until after tenders are received for the major parts of the project.
- (5) Please refer to the answer to question without notice 757.