

KIMBERLEY FLOODS — TRANSPORT LINKS

65. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Minister for Emergency Services:

My question without notice of which some notice has been given is to the minister representing the Minister for Transport.

I note that the cost of freight to and from the East Kimberley has doubled if not tripled, and that there have been delays in re-establishing heavy vehicle links across the Martuwarra Fitzroy River.

- (1) Is the government aware of the massive challenges that businesses face because of the severed road, in the East Kimberley in particular?
- (2) Will the government urgently consider, for the duration of the transport crisis, a broadly based freight subsidy for both inbound and outbound freight that covers the additional cost to businesses and the community?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. It was redirected to me as Minister for Emergency Services.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The state government is actively considering options to mitigate these impacts.
- (3) Not applicable.