

PERTH FREIGHT LINK — FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION

249. Hon AMBER-JADE SANDERSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the federal finance minister's comments at a Deutsche Bank business lunch in Perth on 9 March, when he urged the WA government to "get on with" building Perth Freight Link, and that "the deal was that construction was starting in 2016".

- (1) What is the most recent correspondence with the federal government regarding its \$925 million financial contribution to the project?
- (2) Is this \$925 million contribution contingent on both stages being contracted out this year?
- (3) What are the government's current plans for stages 1 and 2 of the project?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) On 10 March 2016.
- (2) No.
- (3) At present the delivery of Perth Freight Link is progressing, pending the outcome of the appeal relating to the environmental approval process. The government remains committed to this essential piece of transport infrastructure for the southern suburbs to ensure the safety of residents, free movement of cars through the area, access to infrastructure such as Fiona Stanley Hospital and to service Fremantle port as well as any future outer harbour development.