

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT — RAIL INDUSTRY MEETING —
REGIONAL AUSTRALIA LEVEL CROSSING SAFETY PROGRAM

966. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) (1) With reference to a meeting the Minister for Transport had with the rail industry in November 2023, please detail the outcomes of this meeting?
- (2) (2) What progress has been made on Main Roads' grant application under the Regional Australia Level Crossing Safety Program to trial an active level crossing control relying on radio communications between the crossing controls and in-track detection?

Ms R. Saffioti replied:

- (1) The Rail Safety Forum brought together senior industry executives and Government to identify pathways to improve rail safety, including discussion of CBH and Aurizon's locomotive lighting trial. The meeting was very productive, and I have asked the Department of Transport to co-ordinate the development of further safety initiatives.

This builds on the WA Labor Government's strong commitment to improving rail safety in regional WA, including upgrades to passive level crossings in regional Western Australia; driving the development of a train lighting code of conduct through the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting forum; and securing \$180.1 million of federal funding through the Regional Australia Level Crossing Safety Program.

- (2) Main Roads was successful in its application to the Commonwealth's Level Crossing Safety Research and Innovation Grant Program. Design activities for the trial crossing are now underway.