

RAIL FREIGHT — VARIATION TO NARROW GAUGE LEASE

1257. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

When did the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport first become aware of the following documents: “Variation to Narrow Gauge Lease—Project Agreement for Capital Works”, “Variation to Narrow Gauge Lease—Tier 3 Grain Lines Reopening Requirements” and “Variation to Narrow Gauge Lease—Variation to Project Agreement for Capital Works”?

The PRESIDENT: The parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport, but keeping in mind that he is the parliamentary secretary “representing” the Minister for Transport.

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

I am more than happy to answer the question in my name. I became aware on 16 October 2014 when the report was tabled in Parliament; that was followed by a full briefing by the Public Transport Authority on 31 October 2014.