

EAST–WEST FREIGHT DISRUPTIONS

**1276. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 1210 of 22 November 2022 and the recent disruption to rail transport in Victoria affecting supplies in supermarkets in Western Australia in the lead-up to Christmas.

- (1) How many meetings or conversations has the minister had with interstate colleagues since the derailment in Victoria?
- (2) Has the minister been monitoring the number of road trains that are utilising temporary rules that enable additional trailers in South Australia?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) If yes to (2), what number of additional trailers have transited to Western Australia from South Australia under these new rules?
- (5) How long will the new rules apply in South Australia?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(5) Contact was made with interstate counterparts and interstate rail transport agencies soon after the derailment. South Australia readily agreed to the minister's request for triple road train permits to be made available to suitable transport operators, for which the minister was greatly appreciative. As at 27 November 2022, 31 53.5-metre triple road trains have entered Western Australia under the temporary special permit arrangement.