

GREENBUSHES–BUNBURY RAIL LINE — FEASIBILITY STUDY

856. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to my question without notice 748 of 8 August 2023 referencing the study into recommissioning the Greenbushes to Bunbury railway line.

- (1) What confirmed or fixed time frame has been established for the delivery of the study into the viability of recommissioning the Greenbushes to Bunbury rail line?
- (2) Will the commissioned study be a publicly available document or will the matched funding of Talison Lithium Pty Ltd to the state of \$3.3 million each preclude its release?
- (3) What funding allocation of the \$6.6 million study has been allocated to community impact and assessment and consultation on the proposed recommissioning of the line?
- (4) When will community consultation commence and in what structure and format?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Regional Development.

- (1) The feasibility study is expected to take 12 months to complete.
- (2) The feasibility study will contain commercially sensitive information that will preclude the document from public release.
- (3) The state's funding commitment will focus on community consultation, intermodal facilities and road safety requirements.
- (4) The community consultation has already commenced and will be delivered in multiple forums, including direct meetings with local government, community drop-in sessions, plus a newsletter and a telephone hotline and email. Drop-in sessions have already been held in Greenbushes and Balingup.