

WESTRAIL, TIMBER RAILWAY SLEEPERS

395. Hon CHERYL DAVENPORT to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the minister's appeal to the Supreme Court against the decision of the Information Commissioner that the review of Westrail's use of timber railway sleepers be released. What have been Westrail's legal costs to date and what are the anticipated future legal costs?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

The freedom of information application was directed to the Minister for Transport, not to Westrail. Westrail has not incurred any legal costs and is not expected to incur any legal costs in the future in respect of this matter.