

CITY RAIL DEVELOPMENT, COST

197. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

Given the city rail development project has been allocated a budget estimate of \$195.5 million for all tunnel works and stations -

Hon Ken Travers: Don't tell me you also hate trains?

Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE: I want something built in the country.

Hon Ken Travers interjected.

Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE: Members opposite should visit the country and see what has been done.

The PRESIDENT: Order, members! Hon Murray Criddle has the call.

Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE: They should look at what I did. I was referring to \$195.5 million for all tunnel works and stations from the Narrows Bridge to the Northbridge portal near Lake Street as outlined in the Perth City Advisory Committee final report, and ask -

- (1) Does the cost estimate of \$52 million for the central station include the cost of demolition and removal of built form currently above the proposed underground platforms?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) Is the minister aware of the need to remove asbestos from the old Myer site prior to demolition?
- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) Will the minister table the cost of the removal of asbestos from the old Myer site?
- (6) If not, why not?
- (7) Has the time duration for asbestos removal been ascertained from WorkSafe, and if so can that advice be tabled?
- (8) If not, why not?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Yes. There has been ongoing discussion with the building owner on this matter for several months.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) The owner has advised a likely cost in the order of \$4 million for asbestos removal from the old Myer building, not, it should be noted, the old Myer "site". This is supported by advice from WorkSafe.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Based on quotations for the work, the owner has advised that an 18-month period is required for asbestos removal from the entire old Myer building. WorkSafe has verbally advised that it agrees with this assessment.
- (8) Not applicable.