

FORRESTFIELD–AIRPORT LINK PROJECT

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

I refer to the airport rail line announced on Saturday.

- (1) What is the unescalated cost of the rail line and what is the base year used?
- (2) What methodology was used to calculate the estimated cost?
- (3) Was any specific contingency included in the costings over and above the standard unit rates; and, if yes, what percentage was it?
- (4) What escalation rate has been applied in each year of the project to reach the \$2.2 billion cost?
- (5) On what basis were the escalation rates determined?

**Hon JIM CHOWN replied:**

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

- (1)–(5) The costings and analysis undertaken for the Forrestfield–Airport Link project formed part of a cabinet submission recently considered by government and therefore will not be released at this time.

**Hon Ken Travers:** You would never release anything on that logic! What a disgrace! It's not funny! It's a disgrace!

Several members interjected.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order, members! Settle.