

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL RAIL SAFETY REGULATOR

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

- (1) Has the Western Australian government agreed to join the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator?
- (2) What are the reasons that WA did not join the ONRSR when it was established in July 2012?
- (3) How have these reasons now been addressed?
- (4) When does the minister expect the necessary legislation will be introduced to the Parliament?
- (5) When does the minister expect the ONRSR to commence operations in WA?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Western Australia did not join the ONRSR when it commenced operations in January 2013 as the government made the decision to enact the legislation via mirror legislation, which is more complex in its drafting.
- (3) Drafting has been completed.
- (4) The Rail Safety National Law (WA) Bill 2014 was introduced to the Legislative Assembly and second read on 17 September 2014.
- (5) It is anticipated that, subject to the parliamentary agenda, the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator will commence operations in Western Australia on or before 1 July 2015.