

GRAIN TRANSPORT — QUAIRADING

1059. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

Considering my question was asked a couple of days ago, I hope the minister can answer it this time.

- (1) Is the Minister for Transport confident that all grain currently held at the Quairading bin will be transported to port through Cunderdin?
- (2) If no to (1) —
 - (a) does the Minister expect any of the grain will be transported to port by trucks using the Quairading to York road; and
 - (b) does the minister expect that all the grain that is transported on the Quairading to York road will be transferred to rail at York?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The state government, together with the commonwealth, has committed \$352 million over four years to upgrade road and rail infrastructure across the wheatbelt. This is an unprecedented investment and will help deliver a safer grain freight network to the region.

Following the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission ruling on CBH Group's grain express, grain growers and transport companies make their own commercial decisions regarding grain storage and transport.