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ROE HIGHWAY STAGE 8 — TRAFFIC MODELLING

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

I refer to the answer to question without notice 188 on traffic modelling related to Roe Highway stage 8.

- (1) What are the potential commercial sensitivities?
- (2) How will answering the questions about whether new modelling has been conducted impact on current discussions?
- (3) Will the lack of any meaningful information actually not hamper discussions rather than assist them?
- (4) Will the minister now provide specific answers to parts (1) and (4) of question 188 even if he will not table any modelling?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) The government is introducing a heavy vehicle user charge to assist with the funding of Perth Freight Link. Private sector involvement may be sought in the future and consequently releasing traffic modelling into the public domain may compromise the ability of government to obtain an optimal commercial outcome.
- (2) The release of government modelling may compromise the ability of government to obtain an optimal commercial outcome.
- (3) Meaningful information will be provided as appropriate to ensure that the most optimal commercial outcome is achieved for the government.
- (4) Yes, new modelling and specific modelling on truck movements have been undertaken.