

MILING–BOLGART FREIGHT LINE — DISTRIBUTED POWER METHOD

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

I refer to calls by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport that Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd use the distributed power method on the Miling–Bolgart line.

- (1) Was the parliamentary secretary speaking on behalf of the Minister for Transport when he made this call?
- (2) Does the current condition of the Miling–Bolgart line allow for the distributed power method to be used?
- (3) Does CBH have the authority to use this method on the line?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of his question.

- (1) No.
- (2)–(3) These questions should be directed to Brookfield Rail.