

WESTRAIL - SALE PROGRESS

251. Hon KIM CHANCE to the Minister for Transport:

Will the minister advise the House what progress has been made to date on the sale of Westrail?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

As the member will probably know, arrangements have been made regarding employees. I think about 90 per cent of the employees have signed up with the employment company. Four tenderers have been selected, and they have access to the data room. Obviously they are active in that area. I am sure they are now in Western Australia looking around. The sale is proceeding steadily. We hope for an indication of finalisation of a preferred tenderer by the middle of October.