

RAIL RESERVE, MERU

930. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

I refer to the rail reserve from Meru, which crosses the Mullewa road and extends to the crossover of the North West Coastal Highway in Geraldton, from which the railway line was recently removed.

- (1) Will the minister advise whether the railway reserve is to be retained?
- (2) Will the reserve be rezoned; and, if so, to what classification will it be rezoned?
- (3) What will happen to existing leases within the reserve, should it be rezoned?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Legislation is being drafted to discontinue this rail alignment.
- (2) The reserve will be rezoned in consultation with the local authority and business lessees, and will be in keeping with the area.
- (3) Existing leases will remain.