

SOUTHERN RAIL LINK

1131. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

I refer to the Perth-Mandurah passenger rail project.

- (1) Will the minister provide the details of the brief given by her or agencies under her control to Stuart Hicks and/or other members of the Perth rail advisory committee prior to or during the assessment of the route options?
- (2) Does the committee's report contain cost estimates of all the city route options?
- (3) Is the minister aware that Mr Paul Dreschsler, the Chairman of the Australian Institute of Urban Studies, has publicly described the Government's lack of public consultation over the city route as a disaster?
- (4) Has the minister been accurately quoted in the 7 March edition of the *Business News* as saying that consultation on the south west rail project was bypassed because it was too time-consuming?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. I present this answer on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

- (1) The terms of reference of the Perth rail advisory committee were to provide advice to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure to assist finalisation of planning for the portion of the south west railway project from the Narrows Bridge to the central city component of the railway network. The committee will develop criteria, evaluate options and provide recommendations on the alignment of the line through the central city area and station locations in the central city. It will also recommend management requirements to ameliorate the impact of the rail and construction and operational process. In evaluating options, the committee should consider social, economic, environmental, planning and financial implications as well as relevant land use and transport planning issues.
- (2) The report contains cost estimates on a number of city route options.
- (3) The Government established the Perth rail advisory committee to address concerns raised by the community and organisations such as the Australian Institute of Urban Studies.
- (4) No.