

FREMANTLE PORT — FREIGHT ON RAIL

**729. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Minister for Transport's recent claim that officials from Watco had advised him that achieving 30 per cent of freight on rail would be world's best practice.

- (1) When did the minister meet Watco and who was present at the meeting?
- (2) Did anyone take minutes of the meeting; and, if yes, will the minister table them?
- (3) Were the discussions at the meeting about a business-as-usual approach for the Fremantle port, or was it based on improvements to the port; and, if so, what improvements?
- (4) Was there any discussion about what would be world's best practice if a comprehensive intermodal strategy were implemented?
- (5) Was there any discussion about what would be world's best practice if the commonwealth's \$925 million in funding were applied to subsidising rail transfer rather than building a road freight link to the port?

**Hon JIM CHOWN replied:**

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

- (1) The minister has not met with Watco.
- (2)–(5) Not applicable.