

GRAIN FREIGHT RATES, SUBSIDY

**432. Hon KIM CHANCE to the Minister for Transport:**

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the Government's decision to subsidise grain freight rates was made on the recommendation of the Seasonal Conditions Committee?
- (2) Is the chairman of that committee Hon Eric Charlton?
- (3) Will the chairman receive a direct or indirect pecuniary reward due to the decision to subsidise farmers who are not drought affected, with the greatest proportion of the subsidy going to those who are least affected by the poor seasonal conditions?

**Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:**

- (1)-(3) I have not had any direct instructions from the chairman of the Seasonal Conditions Committee. It would be useful to put the question on notice to enable me to provide the complete answer. I therefore ask the member to put the question on notice.