

WESTRAIL, TERMS OF NETWORK LEASE

564. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
Further to question on notice No. 399 of February 19 2002 -

Is the Network Lessee required to inform Westrail or the West Australian Government of all improvements to the rail network system and the value of those improvements under the terms of the network lease?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

The name 'Westrail' was the trading name of the Western Australian Railways Commission up to the sale of the freight business and was included in the sale of that business.

The Network Lessee must maintain a record of all new works (upgrades, replacements or additions) it undertakes on the network. It must preserve the records for the term of the lease and deliver them to the Minister when the lease terminates. Access to the records is to be available to the Minister during the term. There is no requirement to inform the Western Australian Railways Commission or the Minister of the value of the improvements.