

MOVING FREIGHT NETWORK PLAN

266. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the advice to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations in 2011 that a moving freight network plan was due to be completed in 2012.

- (1) Was the moving freight network plan completed in 2012?
- (2) If no to (1), what was the reason for the delay?
- (3) Has the plan been completed?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) When does the minister expect the plan to be publicly released?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) The “Regional Freight Transport Network Plan” was completed in 2012 and released by the government in May 2013. The metropolitan freight and intermodal network plan is still being finalised and is to be submitted to government in the middle of 2014.
- (2) The metropolitan freight and intermodal network plan has been subject to the completion of the independent assessment of options for the future container port in Cockburn Sound and complex analysis of the freight task involved.
- (3)–(5) Please refer to parts (1) and (2).

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267. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Minister for Education:

I refer to the requirement for students who do not achieve band 8 or higher in reading, writing or numeracy in the year 9 National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy test to do the online literacy and numeracy assessment—OLNA—in subsequent years to achieve a Western Australian Certificate of Education. What consultation took place with parents regarding the policy that students must achieve either band 8 or higher in their year 9 NAPLAN results or demonstrate the minimum standard through the online literacy and numeracy to achieve a WACE?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. During 2013 and this year, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority has met and consulted regularly with representatives from the peak parent associations, the Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc and the Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia. In addition, the authority has presented more than 67 targeted briefing meetings with staff from the government and Catholic education systems and independent school sector, overseas schools, state training providers, universities, the Department of Training and Workforce Development and home education providers. These meetings and briefings included consultation about the online literacy and numeracy assessment, which included how students could demonstrate the minimum literacy and numeracy standard through either completing the online literacy and numeracy assessment or by achieving band 8 or higher in the year 9 NAPLAN.

The authority has also provided information sent via a draft letter to the peak parent associations, Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc and the Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia, that could be shared with their members; a package of resources forwarded to schools, which included a sample letter to parents and caregivers; and an information flyer, online video and support materials made available via the authority’s website.