

MIDWEST CORPORATION - PERMIT TO TRANSPORT IRON ORE

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

- (1) Will the minister extend Midwest Corporation's permit to truck iron ore, which expires on 30 September under the Transport Co-ordination Act 1966, allowing iron ore to be transported from Morawa to the port of Geraldton?
- (2) When does the government expect Midwest Corporation to have all the necessary government approvals to allow it to construct a railway siding at Morawa?

**Hon ADELE FARINA replied:**

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

- (1)-(2) The matter is under active consideration but the government is concerned that Midwest Corporation has failed to meet three deadlines for conversion to rail.