

WESTRAIL, TENDER NO 93/99

21. Hon Bob Thomas to the Minister for Transport:

With regard to Westrail tender number 93/99 advertised in The West Australian on January 22 2000 involving the ultrasonic rail testing -

- (1) Did this include both narrow gauge and standard gauge lines?
- (2) Were only main lines tested?
- (3) Were all the narrow gauge branch lines tested?
- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) Were the major marshalling yards, such as West Kalgoorlie, West Merredin, Avon Yard and various Perth metropolitan yards tested?
- (6) If not, why not?
- (7) Which firm was awarded the contract?
- (8) What was the tender price?
- (9) What was the final cost?
- (10) Does the expertise to do this job exist in Western Australia?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1)-(2) Yes.
- (3) No.
- (4) In accordance with Westrail's Code of Practice, railway lines with a cumulative service life of less than 100 million gross tonnes of traffic do not receive ultrasonic testing.
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- (6) In accordance with Westrail's Code of Practice, railway lines with a cumulative service life of less than 100 million gross tonnes of traffic do not receive ultrasonic testing.
- (7) Rail Technology International Pty Ltd.
- (8) Narrow gauge - \$36.50 per kilometre.  
Standard gauge - \$36.50 per kilometre.  
Dual gauge - \$73.00 per kilometre.  
Gauge conversion cost - \$500.00.  
Mobilisation/set-up cost - \$4 000.00.
- (9) \$67 137.00.
- (10) A tender submission was not received from a Western Australian company.