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Question without Notice 946 — Correction of Answer

HON JIM CHOWN (Agricultural — Parliamentary Secretary) [5.05 pm]: This is a correction to a parliamentary question asked by Hon Ken Travers on Tuesday, 16 September. The response given by me to the third part of the question was “Yes”. The correct response is —

- (3) No. The total estimated project cost of \$2.2 billion also includes both a contingency component and escalation for each of the individual project elements, including railcars and buses. Government has been very clear that we are not releasing the full project costing, incorporating the costs for all individual project elements, contingencies and escalation, because we do not want to distort the competitive tender process.

By way of explanation, the incorrect answer was given on Tuesday to Hon Ken Travers due to a mix-up in the Public Transport Authority’s interpretation of his question.