

TOODYAY ROAD — SECTION BETWEEN ROE HIGHWAY AND TALBOT ROAD

**58. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

I refer to the answer given to question without notice 1238 asked on 4 December 2007 regarding the section of Toodyay Road between Roe Highway and Talbot Road. Given the increasing level of traffic and ongoing concerns raised by the local community about the safety of this section of road, particularly the intersection at Lewis Jones Cross, will the minister consider widening this section of road, including providing turning lanes into local businesses where appropriate, and reducing the speed limit; and, if not, why not?

**Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:**

I thank Hon Donna Faragher for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, I advise that the minister has provided an answer in the following terms —

The intersection of Toodyay Road and Lewis Jones Cross has experienced a reduced crash rate in recent years, with eight crashes reported in 2004, seven in 2005 and five in 2006. One explanation for this reduction is the City of Swan's extension of Toodyay Road to provide an alternative route and access point for residents in the Stratton area, thereby reducing congestion. This work was completed in 2005. The intersection of Toodyay Road and Lewis Jones Cross is currently ranked 704<sup>th</sup> in the state on a crash frequency basis, which means that 703 sites have a higher priority for improvement works. The current 70 kilometre an hour speed limit on Toodyay Road in the vicinity of Lewis Jones Cross is considered appropriate for the traffic conditions and road-side development at this location. Motorists have a good level of sight distance on all approaches. Main Roads currently has no plans to widen that section of Toodyay Road. However, it will continue to be monitored and consideration for any improvements will be given together with other priority projects across the state as part of the normal budget development processes.