

ROADS, GREAT SOUTHERN REGION

536. Mr M.G. House to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Will the Minister advise -

- (a) the total funds spent on main roads in the Great Southern Region for the periods -
 - (i) 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;
 - (ii) 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;
 - (iii) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;
 - (iv) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;
 - (v) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001; and
 - (vi) 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;
- (b) the budgetary allocation for road works in the Great Southern Region for the period -
 - (i) 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;
 - (ii) 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004;
 - (iii) 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;
 - (iv) 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006;
 - (v) 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007; and
 - (vi) 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;
- (c) when Muirs Highway will be upgraded;
- (d) when the planned passing lanes will be constructed on Chester Pass Road;
- (e) when the heavy haulage northern bypass will be constructed at Mount Barker; and
- (f) when Spencer Road, Narrikup, will be upgraded so as to adequately and safely cater for heavy haulage vehicles?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a) The total funds spent on main roads in the Great Southern Region for the periods:
 - (i) 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 \$ 14 208 498
 - (ii) 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 \$ 8 847 697
 - (iii) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 \$ 10 515 576
 - (iv) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 \$ 15 994 055
 - (v) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 \$ 18 672 445
 - (vi) 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 \$ 15 338 198
- (b) The budgetary allocation for road works in the Great Southern Region for the period:
 - (i) 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 \$ 13 578 345
 - (ii) 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 \$ 8 817 495
 - (iii) 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 \$ 9 573 275
 - (iv) 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 \$ 9 526 829
 - (v) 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 \$ 13 450 235
 - (vi) 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 \$ 9 433 600
- (c) The upgrading of Muirs Highway is not currently in the 4 year forward estimates for the Great Southern Region. However the South West Region have \$1.2m allocated for 2002/03 and \$160,000 in the 2003/04 program to widen Muirs Highway. This work is being undertaken by the Shire of Manjimup and involves widening of 8 km of the road between Nyamup and Strachan. Work commenced in January 2003 and will be undertaken over two summers with completion due in early 2004.
- (d)-(e) There is currently no funding 4 year forward estimates for the construction of passing lanes on Chester Pass Road or the Mount Barker Northern By-pass.
- (f) The funding for plantation roads is on a priority basis for projects within both the Great Southern and South West Regions. The State TIRES (Timber Industry Road Evaluation Study) Committee provides recommendations on relative priorities. There is currently no specific timetable for the upgrading of Spencer Road. Proposed funding in Main Roads' Major Projects and Local Roads Program for the Blue Gum Plantation Roads is as per the following table.
 - 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 \$ 2 430 000
 - 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 \$ 1 424 000

1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 \$ 1 550 000
1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 \$ 3 500 000
1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 \$ 5 780 000

These funding allocations are subject to review in the annual State budgetary process.