

SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY — SHIRE OF DENMARK

334. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to question without notice 665 asked on 16 June 2015 about safety relating to the stretch of South Coast Highway between McIntosh Road and Springdale Heights in Denmark.

- (1) How did Main Roads WA arrive at the conclusion that this section of road was safe?
- (2) When did Main Roads WA carry out the safety assessment of this stretch of road?
- (3) Will the minister table the safety assessment?
- (4) If the minister knows about the serious concerns of local road users about the dangers posed by overtaking eastbound traffic, why has he failed to act?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) Main Roads inspected this section of road and determined that it met the guidelines for the current posted speed limit.
- (2) The inspection referred to in part (1) was undertaken in the first quarter of 2015.
- (3) Yes. On that matter, unfortunately, the required document has not arrived from the department and I will table it once it does so.
- (4) Main Roads has assessed a number of criteria associated with this section of South Coast Highway, including sight distances, traffic volumes and crash history, and has determined that this section of road meets the standards for a 110-kilometre-an-hour posted speed limit and is appropriate for its current use. In addition, Main Roads will review the line marking at intersections in this section of South Coast Highway by 30 June 2016.