

INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE

**106. Mr McNEE to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

The previous Government was undertaking major infrastructure projects in rural areas to encourage new industries. One of these was Indian Ocean Drive, connecting Perth with Lancelin, Cervantes, Jurien Bay, Leeman and Greenhead.

- (1) What is the current status of this project?
- (2) Is it the minister's intention to review this project resulting in delays and possible cancellation?
- (3) How is such a review consistent with the Government's tourism and regional development policies?
- (4) Is this just another case of the Government's policy to centralise services in the city at the expense of rural areas?

**Ms MacTIERNAN replied:**

This question indicates one of the problems for the Opposition now that the disaggregation of the National Party and the Liberal Party has taken place, because exactly the same question was asked yesterday by Hon Murray Criddle in the other House. The answer given then was -

- (1) Work is proceeding on that project.
- (2) Government has no intention of reviewing the project. It is a worthwhile project, and will be considered in the budgetary process along with all other projects. The Government is hopeful of being able to provide the funds for the project to be finished in 2003.
- (3)-(4) Not applicable.