

MITCHELL FREEWAY, PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC CONGESTION

3060. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer the Minister to peak hours traffic congestion on the Mitchell Freeway and ask -

- (a) have any studies been conducted on traffic mergers and the impact on speed, traffic flow and congestion, during peak traffic, on the northbound Mitchell Freeway at Hepburn Ave;
- (b) if yes, when were these studies conducted and will the Minister table the results and recommendations;
- (c) if no study has been conducted, will the Minister direct that a study be undertaken;
- (d) if not, why not;
- (e) are there any current plans for the Mitchell Freeway to be widened, north of Hepburn Avenue; and
- (f) if yes, what is the time line for this development and will the Minister table these plans?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a)-(b) No formal studies have been undertaken. However, Main Roads continually monitors and analyses traffic flows on the Freeway through the use of ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems) technology.
- (c)-(f) Mitchell Freeway north of Hepburn Avenue has a four lane divided configuration and is considered adequate to cope with current traffic conditions. There are no plans to widen the Freeway at this location. However, Main Roads will continue to monitor traffic conditions on an on-going basis.