

BUSSELTON BYPASS AND STRELLY STREET INTERSECTION, TRAFFIC LIGHTS

449. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (1) Has a deal been struck between Main Roads WA and Q Properties Pty Ltd to install traffic lights at the intersection of Strelly Street and the Busselton bypass to coincide with the opening of a commercial development incorporating a Bunnings Buildings Supplies Pty Ltd store and a service station on Strelly Street?
- (2) If so, why has this course of action been agreed to when -
 - (a) Main Roads WA's previous response to the developer's final traffic analysis report was to analyse the traffic impact on the intersection after the opening of the development and to install traffic light when required; and
 - (b) there are assumptions only about future traffic flows upon which to base the decision?
- (3) What is the total cost of installing the traffic lights, and who will meet the costs?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) Q Properties has gained approval from the Shire of Busselton for a commercial development in Strelly Street, which is adjacent to the Busselton bypass. The development will involve a Bunnings store and service station. As part of the application, the developer is seeking the creation of a four-way intersection with traffic signals. The developer has agreed to pay for the cost of installation of traffic signals.

The extension and connection of local streets, such as Strelly Street, to the bypass is required to create the new four-way intersection. Main Roads will seek confirmation from the Busselton Shire Council that it approves the construction of the new sections of local streets. Without council approval, the new intersection cannot proceed.

Based on predictions of traffic generated by the commercial development, Main Roads believes it would be appropriate to install traffic control signals at the proposed four-way intersection when the commercial development opens in approximately 2005.

- (3) The estimated cost of installing signals at the four-way intersection is likely to be over \$250 000.