

ROE HIGHWAY–BERKSHIRE ROAD INTERSECTION — UPGRADE

860. MR N.W. MORTON to the Minister for Transport:

The minister —

Mr P.B. Watson interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Albany, I am not interested!

Mr N.W. MORTON: The minister recently announced that due to the new level of cooperation between the state and federal governments, an agreement has been reached to construct an interchange —

Mr B.S. Wyatt interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Victoria Park, I call you to order for the third time. I want to hear the question in silence.

Mr N.W. MORTON: The minister recently announced that due to the new level of cooperation between the state and federal governments, an agreement has been reached to construct an interchange at the intersection of Roe Highway and Berkshire Road, which is a major blackspot in the Forrestfield electorate. Can the minister please advise the house how this project is progressing?

Mr D.C. NALDER replied:

Certainly. As with the past two days, I take much pleasure to share with the chamber another initiative that this government has undertaken to ensure that we keep people moving in Perth.

Mr D.J. Kelly interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bassendean, I call you to order for the third time.

Mr D.C. NALDER: I will touch on this. The member for Bassendean for two days —

Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cannington, I call you to order for the second time.

Mr D.C. NALDER: For the last two days, the member for Bassendean has poked fun at the pedestrian countdown timers. I can say —

Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cannington!

Mr D.C. NALDER: I will tell members why we take this very seriously. This is an important way to make it safer for infirm, disabled and elderly people to cross the roads. We take that very seriously, and I think it is a great initiative. However, the initiative that I will now refer to is to do with the member for Forrestfield's question.

There is a great relationship with the federal government and because of that relationship and with the cooperation of the federal government, instead of putting traffic lights at the intersection of Berkshire Road and Roe Highway for \$15 million, we can spend \$45 million to make it a full grade-separated interchange. This is a fantastic achievement. It is one of the blackspots in our city that has an accident on average every 10 days. It is an important intersection that we need to do. I look forward to continuing to bring these initiatives to this house to prove that this government is taking it seriously and keeping Perth moving. I would like to acknowledge the member for Forrestfield's hard work in delivering this great outcome for his electorate.