

NORTH WEST COASTAL HIGHWAY — UPGRADES

803. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the preferred alignment for the proposed Dongara–Northampton road corridor.

- (1) How close is Main Roads to selecting a preferred alignment for the proposed Dongara–Northampton road corridor?
- (2) What is the Department of Transport doing to improve the safety of the existing North West Coastal Highway?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) The alignment selection study is expected to be completed by mid-2020.
- (2) In October last year, Main Roads completed a \$4.4 million upgrade to the Hosken Street–North West Coastal Highway intersection near Bluff Point. The agency is investigating a number of options to improve efficiency and safety on North West Coastal Highway within the Geraldton town site, including upgrading the section of highway between Place Road and Webberton Road, including the two intersections, and modifications to the Eighth Street and Phelps Street intersections with the highway.