

ROAD SAFETY — SOUTH WESTERN HIGHWAY — BUNBURY

715. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the dangerous stretch of South Western Highway between Hynes Road and the Picton Road rail crossing and repeated calls from the community and businesses along that stretch to reduce the speed limit.

- (1) Will the government commit to immediately reducing the speed limit from 100 kilometres an hour to 80 kilometres an hour?
- (2) Will the government include funds in the upcoming state budget to improve road safety for the 6 000 vehicles using the road each day as a priority project for Main Roads?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

- (1) I thank the member for that question. The member for Murray–Wellington, who unfortunately is not in the chamber today, has raised this issue with me. As I responded today to a media inquiry in response to an advertisement in the paper today, we are undertaking an urgent review of the speed limit in that area. That review is being conducted by the police, Main Roads and an independent road expert. I will await the response of that review, but, of course, I am always keen to improve road safety.
- (2) In relation to the allocation of funds, as the member will be aware, we are injecting a record amount into regional road safety. As part of that review, we will look at any engineering or other structural issues that need to be addressed.