

ROADS — FEDERAL FUNDING — WHEATBELT

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

I refer to page 9 of *The West Australian* of Wednesday, 27 March 2019, titled “Wheatbelt gets \$70m roads fix”, and, in light of the severe degradation of country roads throughout the wheatbelt, I ask the following.

- (1) Will any of these funds be used to repair the section of the Williams–Kondinin Road adjacent to Wickepin’s golf course, where the road surface is so poor that motorcycles and pushbikes need to deviate around it and motor vehicles are in danger of being forced into the kerbside and on to the footpath?
- (2) Will any of these funds be used to upgrade reflectors along the Great Southern Highway within the Wickepin shire, where only 20 per cent of reflectors are actually reflective?
- (3) Will any of these funds be used to bring the Shire of Wickepin’s guide posts and delineators to within the current requirements of the Australian Standard “Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Part 2: Traffic Control Devices for General Use”?
- (4) If no to any of the aforementioned, why not?
- (5) Will the minister provide a list of projects with costings that will benefit from this \$70 million fund; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I note that of the \$70 million announced by the federal government, over \$57 million is allocated outside of the forward estimates and beyond 2023–24.

- (1)–(3) The program of works will be determined through state budget processes.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) The program of works will be determined as part of the normal state budget process, which is ongoing given that only \$12.85 million of federal government funds is in the forward estimates.