

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRIDGES - MAINTENANCE

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

I refer to question without notice 669 asked on 30 August 2007.

- (1) What is Main Roads WA's budget for bridge maintenance?
- (2) What is Main Roads WA's budget for research into better methods of strengthening bridge structures?
- (3) Has Main Roads WA requested additional funding for bridge assessment and repair?
- (4) If so, what is the status of this request?
- (5) Have 45, or more, bridges on major routes such as Great Northern Highway and North West Coastal Highway been identified as failing to meet the requirements for sheer capacity stated in the Australian standards?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The first part of the question as read out by the member is not actually in my question. However, I will provide the answer that I have.

The minister asks that the member place the question on notice because the information requested requires some detailed research and will not be able to be answered adequately in the time frame given.