

LORD STREET–REID HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

487. Mr F.A. ALBAN to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the official opening of the long-awaited Lord Street and Reid Highway intersection. Can the minister please provide an overview of the benefits it will provide to motorists?

Mr D.C. NALDER replied:

I thank the member for the question. I acknowledge Hon Donna Faragher, Hon Alyssa Hayden and the member for Swan Hills, Mr Frank Alban, for their tireless efforts in ensuring the upgrade of this intersection.

Mrs M.H. Roberts: Not as tireless as the member for West Swan.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Thank you!

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland!

Mr F.A. Alban interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Swan Hills! Member for Swan Hills, I call you to order for the first time, the member for Midland for the first time and the member for Willagee for the first time! Now that everyone has been acknowledged, we will carry on with the question.

Mr D.C. NALDER: Thank you, Mr Speaker. This intersection has been upgraded with traffic lights and dualling for a couple of hundred metres each way. This intersection carries 25 000 vehicles of which 11 per cent are heavy vehicles, which is some 2 800 heavy vehicles every day. In the five years to 2013 there were 172 crashes, which is roughly one every 10 days. Fortunately, there has not been a fatality but four people were hospitalised. This is a great upgrade. It is important that we acknowledge the City of Swan and its involvement in this project. There was funding from the road trauma trust account of \$8 million towards this upgrade. The City of Swan was definitely instrumental in ensuring the design for this upgrade would cater for a future four-way intersection at this location and it provided the balance of funding to ensure Lord Street upgrades were constructed accordingly. On behalf of the state government, I take this opportunity to thank the City of Swan for its input and assistance on this key project for West Swan.