

SPENCER ROAD, NARRIKUP

1198. Mr House to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Is the Minister aware of concerns raised by the Narrikup District Progress Association regarding the standard and safety of Spencer Road?
- (2) Will the Minister advise when roadworks will commence to upgrade Spencer Road so that it can safely handle the expected mix of heavy haulage vehicles, school buses, local and tourist traffic?
- (3) Will the Minister advise when the Spencer Road by-pass will be constructed around the townsite of Narrikup?

Ms MacTIERNAN replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2)-(3) Spencer Road has been identified as a future strategic link for the transport of timber from the Denbarker area through to Albany Highway and the woodchip mill. Main Roads has been working closely with the Local Government to determine the upgrading needs for this road.

The extent and timing of any future works is a matter currently being considered by the State Timber Industry Regional Evaluation Strategy (TIRES) group. Subject to the outcomes of this process, consideration can be given to allocating the required funds as part of a future budget process.