

PERTH FREIGHT LINK ROUTE

**384. Ms S.F. McGURK to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the comments made by a Main Roads spokesperson today on ABC radio regarding the sending of letters to residents who could have their homes bulldozed by the government's Perth Freight Link route.

- (1) What is the total number of letters that have been sent out in all areas potentially affected?
- (2) What roads and suburbs have these letters been sent out to?
- (3) How many homes are at risk of being bulldozed?

**Mr D.C. NALDER replied:**

(1)–(3) I am really pleased; this is one of the two questions I was really hoping I would be asked today. I have been waiting for it. There are a couple of pieces of data that I will take on notice and get for the member regarding —

Several members interjected.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Because there are some specifics.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members! Members, I cannot hear a thing.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Let me refer back to what has occurred on High Street. I really look forward to the member for Cannington agreeing with me about dishonesty and misleading the public like the member for West Swan did last night.

*Withdrawal of Remark*

**The SPEAKER:** Withdraw that allegation of dishonesty, please.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** “Misleading”?

**The SPEAKER:** No, you said “dishonesty”.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** All right; I withdraw, Mr Speaker.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Here is a media statement from —

**Mr J.R. Quigley** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Butler, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Here is a media statement from 2008 by Alannah MacTiernan after she sold off the land reserve for the bypass that had been set up in the 1950s and 1960s.

**Ms L.L. Baker** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Maylands!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** It was set up for this city and served this city well. She sold off that land for \$8 million, but as part of selling that land off, she said that the freight network reform continued on High Street. She went on to say that we need to actually do a study and research. This plan for High Street and Stock Road extends back —

**Ms S.F. McGurk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Fremantle, I call you to order for the first time.

*Point of Order*

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** Mr Speaker, the member for Fremantle asked quite specific questions, such as: What is the total number of letters that have been sent out? What roads and suburbs have the letters been sent to? As you are aware, this is a shortened question time today. I thought we were supposed to ask and get some short answers, and it does not help if the ministers do not answer the specific questions they are asked.

**The SPEAKER:** Right; short lead-in, short answer, please.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** This is very important because this leads to the whole thing about the need to purchase the houses on High Street. The reason why we need to look at purchasing houses on High Street and Stock Road is that they sold off the land. Alannah MacTiernan put out a media statement in 2008 saying that they need —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Maylands and member for Fremantle! Can I have a short answer please, minister.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** In 2005 we warned the people down there not to purchase properties because we said that this was not the ideal location. I can tell members that according to that media release in 2008, 34 properties had already been acquired and that the then market value of those properties was approximately \$17 million. The original allocation for those works was \$68 million, but we are now talking about \$126 million. The planning was done some years ago; this has been rolled into Freight Link. We have notified the people.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** We are getting nowhere. You have explained this very nicely to us. Can you just address this thing about the number of letters?

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** We have written to all the people along High Street and Stock Road who will be affected by the Freight Link route—all of them who live along that area. We have written to all the people who will be affected, but I would like to say —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cannington, I call you to order for the first time. Member for Cockburn, I call you to order for the first time. A short conclusion, thank you.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** We have written to all the people who are affected by the Perth Freight Link route and advised them. We have done this early so that we can consult with them. I have acknowledged in a number of places that we are not necessarily happy with that route, and at the same time as we are costing it up, we are looking at and exploring other options.