

SOUTH WEST ROADS — FUNDING

999. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to correspondence from the Shire of West Arthur to Mohammad Siddiqui, Regional Manager of Main Roads, Wheatbelt South Region, dated 3 July 2013, requesting planning be undertaken for overtaking lanes on Coalfields Highway at the following locations: Between Bowelling Siding and the top of Bowelling Hill; 4km west of Darkan (Perry's Hill); Between Fleay's and Clarke roads; Between Centaur and Quins roads; Mt Latham west of Wagin; Between Arthur River and Wireless Station Road, and ask:

- (a) what consideration has Main Roads given to the Shire of West Arthur's request;
- (b) is funding proposed for the suggested overtaking lanes in the 2013–2014 Budget:
 - (i) if applicable, how much funding has been allocated and over what time frame; and
 - (ii) if no funding proposed, why not; and
- (c) if funding is allocated for overtaking lanes on Coalfields Highway in the Shire of West Arthur, is Main Roads Western Australia prepared to commit to completing these works prior to the commencement of grain exports from Bunbury Port, which Bunge plans to begin by mid-2014?

Mr T.R. Buswell replied:

The **Main Roads Western Australia** advises:

- (a)–(c) Following visits by Parliamentary Secretary Hon Jim Chown MLC with local government representatives in the South West and Wheatbelt South regions recently, Main Roads has been asked to assess the road and bridge upgrades required along the State road network, including Coalfields Highway and the Collie–Lake King Road to facilitate current and future transport tasks. This assessment is underway and will include the need for any passing lanes. The Shire of West Arthur's requested sites for treatment will be considered as part of the assessment. Once completed, Main Roads' costed assessment and recommendations will be submitted for Government funding consideration and prioritisation