

TRANSPORT — MORRISON ROAD LEVEL CROSSING, MIDLAND

807. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to your commitment in the 2022–23 State Budget to remove the Morrison Road Level Crossing in Midland and I ask:

- (a) Has construction work commenced on removing the crossing;
- (b) What was the specific dollar allocation in the 2022–23 budget for the work; and
- (c) When is construction work expected to commence on removing the crossing?

Ms R. Saffioti replied:

- (a)–(c) I refer the Member to page 621 of Budget Paper No. 2 and page 161 of Budget Paper No. 3, which state the Morrison Road Level Crossing Removal project is currently under development, and that funding is allocated to specific projects upon completion of tender processes and final investment decisions. [See tabled paper no 2010.]

Under this Government, a business case is prepared prior to the commencement of a major project. As this has not yet been completed, construction has not yet commenced.

I note the Opposition’s inconsistent position on the removal of level crossings, having previously called level crossing removals on the Armadale Line a ‘vanity project’.