

COALFIELDS HIGHWAY — SAFETY MEASURES

6066. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Transport

I refer to the recent announcement, on 1 August 2011, that the State Government will provide \$35 million for 31 road safety projects across Western Australia in 2011–12, and specifically to the \$1.5 million for widening and sealing shoulders and installing a guard rail over nine miles on the Roelands Hill section of Coalfields Highway, and I ask:

- (a) using the intersection of South West and Coalfields Highway as a start point, at which kilometre pegs will this work commence and finish;
- (b) will this work be continued for nine kilometres or will it be broken up;
- (c) if the work is not to be completed in a continuous length on the highway, at which kilometre pegs will the work be done between;
- (d) when will the work begin; and
- (e) when will the work finish?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

It is pleasing that the Member is finally recognising the work being done on the Collie–Coalfields Highway by the Liberal–National Government. Unfortunately the highway was completely neglected under the Labor Government of which the Member was part and it has again fallen to the Liberal–National Government to fix problems.

It is also pleasing to note the Member asking questions in Parliament relating to the Collie–Coalfields Highway. It is noted as unfortunate that the Member did not ask questions on the project between 2001 and 2008 when the Labor Government could have undertaken improvement works to build upon those delivered by the Court Liberal Government.

- (a) The work is within the 1 kilometre and 10 kilometre point.
- (b) The work will address priority sections.
- (c)–(e) 3.8 to 4.0 kilometres. The balance of work will be undertaken between 1.0 and 7.5 kilometres beginning in 2012.