

AUSTRALIND BYPASS — NOISE BARRIERS

5340. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Transport

In relation to noise barriers, I ask:

- (a) are there any plans for noise barriers to be installed alongside housing estates on Australind Bypass;
- (b) if not, why are the people living alongside the Bypass not treated the same as the residents in the Pinjarra and Mandurah area that have noise reduction measures in place to reduce traffic noise; and
- (c) are there any plans that will see the developers of future sub-divisions built alongside major highways responsible for installing adequate noise barriers prior to any houses being built?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

Main Roads WA advises:

- (a) There are no plans for additional noise treatments.
- (b) Most of the Australind Bypass has noise reduction measures installed by developers as a condition of development. The policy only applies to new developments or new roads and does not apply to noise from existing roads in the vicinity of existing development. As such residents along the Australind Bypass are treated the same as those in the Mandurah and Pinjarra areas.
- (c) This requirement already exists and has been in place for some time..