

GOVERNMENT SPENDING, TRANSPORT OPTIONS

22. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

In each of the last five financial years how much was spent by the State Government on -

- (a) new road, highway and freeway construction;
- (b) maintenance to existing road infrastructure;
- (c) construction of cycleways/veloways;
- (d) expanding the passenger rail system;
- (e) expanding the freight rail system; and
- (f) expanding the bus fleet administered by Transperth?

Hon G.T. GIFFARD replied:

- (a) During the last five years Main Roads Western Australia expended, from all sources of funds available to this State, the following amounts on the construction of National, State and Local Roads:

YEAR	\$ Million
1995/96	189.7
1996/97	220.6
1997/98	234.0
1998/99	315.7
1999/00	334.0

- (b) During the last five years Main Roads Western Australia expended, from all sources of funds available to this State, the following amounts on the preservation of National, State and Local Roads:

YEAR	\$ Million
1995/96	217.5
1996/97	197.1
1997/98	192.7
1998/99	175.1
1999/00	196.5

- (c) Main Roads Western Australia expends funds on the provision of dual use facilities for pedestrians and cyclists as part of its roadworks programs. However, most of the costs attributable to these facilities are included in contracts awarded for the respective road projects and cannot be readily separated.

During the last five years Transport WA has expended the following amounts on the construction of cycleways/veloways:

1996/97	information not available
1997/98	\$900,000
1998/99	\$3,300,000
1999/00	\$5,600,000
2000/01	\$2,100,000 (estimate only- this figure also includes Main Road's costs)

- (d) WAGR has incurred no expenditure on constructing new railway lines in the last five financial years.

During the last five years Transport WA has expended the following amounts on expanding the passenger rail system:

1996/97	\$378,000
1997/98	\$385,000

	1998/99	\$455,000
	1999/00	\$3,492,000
	2000/01	\$20,500,000 (estimate only)
(e)	No expenditure was incurred on expanding the freight rail system in the last five financial years.	
(f)	During the last five financial years Transport WA has expended the following amounts on the bus fleet administered by Transperth:	
	1996/97	\$6,976,000
	1997/98	NIL
	1998/99	\$5,980,000
	1999/00	\$43,002,000
	2000/01	\$42,200,000 (estimate only)