

ROADS, HIGH WIDE LOAD CORRIDORS, BUDGET ALLOCATION

107. Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the allocation of \$14 million in the 2001-02 Budget papers for the establishment of high wide load corridors, and ask -

- (1) How much of this allocation was expended in the 2001-02 financial year?
- (2) What works were undertaken as a result of this expenditure?
- (3) How much of the balance of any unexpended funds were carried forward to the current financial year?
- (4) Have any further allocations been made for the high wide load project in the 2002-03 Budget within the Minister's portfolio?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

- 1) \$1.059 million.
- 2) Works were undertaken to develop Corridor One (Jervoise Bay – Singleton) including road improvements and service relocations to enable the passage of high and wide loads. The establishment of these corridors is important to the State's manufacturing industry and works already undertaken to date have assisted in improving the competitiveness of this industry.
- 3) \$941 000.
- 4) A program for the further development of High Wide Load corridors is currently being prepared for consideration by Government.