

METROPOLITAN REGION SCHEME — STEPHENSON HIGHWAY

704. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to Stephenson Highway between Innaloo and Fremantle, which is shown as a primary regional road in the metropolitan region scheme.

- (1) When is it currently expected that this road will need to be built?
- (2) What modelling has been undertaken on the impact for this road of the Premier's recent announcement that the government does not intend to build a second metropolitan container port for 15 years?
- (3) What modelling has been undertaken on the impact of the Perth Freight Link for this road and the timing of when it will be needed?
- (4) Is this a road project that could be brought forward and funded by a freight user charge on trucks and heavy vehicles that will use it?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) The Stephenson Highway alignment has been reserved in the metropolitan region scheme for over 40 years. Apart from concept plans for the section between Scarborough Beach Road and Mitchell Freeway, there is currently no plan for its construction.