

SOUTH WEST ROADS — FUNDING

989. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Northam – Pithara Road, and in particular the section of this road between Pithara and Ballidu, in the Shire of Dalwallinu, and ask:

- (a) what funding was budgeted in 2012–2013 for repairs, maintenance or design works on this section of road:
 - (i) if applicable, of the budgeted funds, have any been acquitted; and
 - (ii) if no funding was budgeted, why not;
- (b) is funding proposed for the Northam – Pithara Road, in the 2013–2014 Budget:
 - (i) if applicable, how much funding has been allocated and over what time frame;
 - (ii) if applicable, of the funding, what specific projects will be funded; and
 - (iii) if no funding was proposed, why not;
- (c) does the Department of Transport acknowledge that a number of upgrades and repair works to the Northam – Pithara Road have been listed as a priority request from the Shire of Dalwallinu for many years:
 - (i) if yes, what assessments will be undertaken by the Department of Transport to ensure this road obtains priority funding; and
 - (ii) if no to (c), why not; and
- (d) can you advise from 1 October 2008 until receipt of this question the number of times the Shire of Dalwallinu has contacted the Department of Transport about this section of road?

Mr T.R. Buswell replied:

The **Main Roads Western Australia** advises:

- (a) \$227 550
 - (i) \$215 184
 - (ii) Not applicable
- (b) Yes
 - (i)–(ii) The final funding allocation for the proposed project is being considered for final approval.
 - (iii) Not applicable
- (c) Yes
 - (i) Proposed upgrades of the Northam–Pithara Road are reviewed annually as part of the State budgetary process.
 - (ii) Not applicable.
- (d) Although Main Roads is unable to provide a definitive number of Council’s approaches, it acknowledges that the Shire of Dalwallinu has raised this matter on many occasions over the years.