

MITCHELL FREEWAY — UPGRADES

951. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to disruption on Mitchell Freeway due to the slow rollout of overdue upgrades.

- (1) When will the current round of upgrades be completed?
- (2) Have the upgrades been delivered on budget?
- (3) If no to (2), what cost overruns, in dollars, have occurred?
- (4) Has the government modelled travel time delays as a result of the upgrades?
- (5) If yes to (4), is that modelling available to be tabled?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1)–(5) The state Labor government’s upgrades to Mitchell Freeway are helping to reduce travel times and connecting people along the northern corridor. The Mitchell Freeway extension from Hester Avenue to Romeo Road was completed in July 2023. The Mitchell Freeway northbound widening project from Hutton Street to Cedric Street was completed in January 2021. Construction on the smart freeway Mitchell Freeway southbound project is well underway and expected for completion in mid-2024. Allocations for these upgrades are contained within the state budget.