

ROADS, BLACK SPOT FUNDING

**34. Hon TOM STEPHENS to the Minister for Transport:**

In the recently announced black spot funding round, allocated by the Commonwealth Government after it receives advice from the Department of Transport, why did neither Broome, with the worst site north of Perth, nor Mandurah receive funding?

**Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. In relation to the 2000-01 black spot funding program, the following advice is provided.

The Frederick Street and Hamersley Street intersection in Broome did not meet the Australian Transport Safety Bureau criteria until 1999. No submission was made for this site under the 2000-01 program. However, the Main Roads black spot coordinator has recently been working with the Broome Shire Council and the Kimberley office of Main Roads to assist in preparing a black spot proposal for this location. A proposal has recently been developed for nomination of this site for inclusion in the 2001-02 black spot program. Nominations close on 31 August 2000.

The City of Mandurah nominated four projects for inclusion in the 1999-2000 black spot program. Of these, three were accepted and one was unsuccessful. The unsuccessful project was renominated for inclusion in 2000-01 and was the only project nominated by the City of Mandurah. This project was unsuccessful in gaining approval, on the basis of its lowly ranking when compared with 38 other rural audit submissions.