

PERTH-BUNBURY HIGHWAY FUNDING

336. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

The minister recently indicated that the 2007-08 budget contained an allocation of \$654.4 million for country roads.

- (1) Given that \$218.7 million of this funding is for the Perth-Bunbury highway project, would the minister advise what portion is state and federal funding?
- (2) Of the remaining \$435.7 million, how much is state, federal and local government funding?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

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

- (1) The honourable member is incorrect in his assertion that all the funds allocated in 2007-08 to the new Perth-Bunbury highway project are from the rural road component. In fact, works to the value of \$103.3 million will be funded from the metropolitan component. Of the \$218.7 million provided for the new Perth-Bunbury highway project in 2007-08, the funding breakdown is -
 - (a) regional - commonwealth, \$30 million and state, \$85.4 million, a total of \$115.4 million; and
 - (b) metropolitan - commonwealth, \$30 million and state, \$73.3 million, a total of \$103.3 million.
- (2) An amount of \$654.4 million is allocated in the 2007-08 budget for expenditure on regional roads, of which \$115.4 million is to be spent on the new Perth-Bunbury highway project. The balance of \$539 million will comprise commonwealth funding of \$134.1 million; state funding of \$402.2 million; and contributions by other organisations of \$2.7 million.