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TRANSPORT — BRIDGE COLLAPSES

457. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

How does Main Roads WA determine a bridge needs to be replaced?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

Main Roads WA assesses all maintenance needs for bridges based on the defects identified by detailed and visual inspections. A bridge is programmed for replacement where it has reached the end of its economic life. A whole of life cycle cost analysis is often used to compare refurbishment verses replacement options.