

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW CAMPAIGN — INCOMPLETE PROJECTS

1150. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 1118 in which the minister indicated that the Great Eastern Highway Bypass upgrades do not yet have their final regulatory approval. I note the project involves upgrading the bypass in Hazelmere, including the construction of interchanges at Roe Highway and Abernathy Road, and will provide 1 200 jobs.

- (1) What regulatory approvals are still outstanding?
- (2) When is it anticipated those approvals will be granted?
- (3) Given that the project commenced in 2022 and noting the piles of sand in anticipation for overpasses and its scheduled completion by 2024, why have these approvals not been finalised to ensure the project continues seamlessly?
- (4) When will the project be completed?

The PRESIDENT: That was a question without notice of which some notice has been given, so it is not a direct question. Minister for Emergency Services.

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

Thanks, President. It was not a direct question, of course, because the Minister for Transport is not here. I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I provide this answer on behalf of the Minister for Transport.

- (1) It is the environmental approvals and approvals from Perth Airport Pty Ltd and tenants.
- (2) Timing will ultimately be determined by the respective regulators.
- (3) Approvals have been impacted by the complexity of negotiations required.
- (4) A revised construction timetable and completion date will be finalised once outstanding approvals are secured.