

COALFIELDS HIGHWAY

179. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the 2012-2013 State Budget which allocated \$10.6 million for continuing upgrades to the Coalfields Highway and the subsequent \$28 million promised by the Liberal Government as an election promise, and ask:

- (a) Of the \$10.6 million allocated in 2012-13, how much has been spent;
- (b) Where have the upgrades from the acquitted part of the 2012-13 allocation taken place;
- (c) Of the unspent 2012-13 funding allocation, where is this money going to be spent on the Coalfields Highway; and
- (d) Can you outline the timeline, yearly budget allocations and the proposed design works and their site of the \$28 million ongoing upgrades to the Coalfields Highway that were promised to the people of the Collie-Preston electorate by the Barnett Government?

Mr T.R. Buswell replied:

Main Roads WA advises:

- (a) \$583,000 to the end of April 2013.
- (b) Expenditure to enable preconstruction activities including environmental assessment and engineering design for remaining sections.
- (c) To commence the Wellington Dam Road section and Hamilton Bridge section (these sections require the excision of National Park land).
- (d) All election commitments are being considered as part of the 2013-14 Budget process.