

ROADS - MOWEN ROAD BETWEEN MARGARET RIVER AND NANNUP

620. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the Mowen Road project between Margaret River and Nannup and given the increased visitation to the area by tourists, I ask -

- (1) What is the timetable for the sealed status construction of Mowen Road between Vasse Highway and Sues Road?
- (2) What funding has been allocated to the road project over the next five years?
- (3) What is the estimated completion date for the sealing of the remainder of Mowen Road?
- (4) Which Government Department or Local Government will be responsible for the completion and ongoing maintenance of Mowen Road?
- (5) Given the importance of Barrabup Pool as a tourism attraction, are funds being made available for the sealing of the section of entry road to the Barrabup Pool?
- (6) If not, why not?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (1) The final timetable for the completion of seal between Vasse Highway and Sues Road has not been completed at this stage.
- (2) \$10.58 million is being provided by the State Government and is allocated over the period 2005/06 to 2008/09.
- (3) As per (1)
- (4) Under the Agreement signed, in March 2000, the Shire of Augusta Margaret River is responsible for managing the construction of Mowen Road. Mowen Road will become a Local Government road and as such the ongoing maintenance of Mowen Road will be the responsibility of Augusta Margaret River Shire and Nannup Shire with the split based on the Shire boundary located approximately 12 kilometres east of Sues Road.
- (5)-(6) The road into Barrabup Pool is the responsibility of CALM and does not form part of the Agreement for the Mowen Road upgrade work.