

OUTBACK WAY AND TANAMI ROAD

985. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the article in *The Australian* of 17 October 2022 that indicated that funding for the Outback Way might be removed in the upcoming federal budget.

- (1) Is the minister aware of the article?
- (2) Has the minister or her representative spoken to the federal government to ensure there is no risk that the article could be correct; and, if yes, is there any substance to the article; and, if no, why not?
- (3) What is the minister doing to ensure that funding will be maintained for the Outback Way?
- (4) Will the minister please confirm the status of state and federal funding commitments to seal the Tanami Road?

Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Leader of the House, I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Transport.

- (1)–(3) I refer the member to the article on page 3 of yesterday's *Kalgoorlie Miner*, which confirms the federal government's commitment to the Outback Way. I table the article.

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- (4) The state and federal governments remain committed to the sealing of the Tanami Road.