

GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY — WIDENING

140. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Can the minister confirm that in 2013 the federal government committed funding for widening and improvements to the Great Eastern Highway from Walgoolan to Coolgardie?
- (2) If yes to (1), how much and in which years was the funding to be provided?
- (3) Can the minister confirm this funding came from savings on other federally funded road projects?
- (4) Is the federal government still committed to funding this project?
- (5) If yes to (4), how much and in which years will funding be provided?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Both the state and federal governments have committed funding for widening and improvements to the Great Eastern Highway from Walgoolan to Coolgardie.
- (2) The federal government committed \$42.2 million in 2013–14.
- (3)–(4) Yes. The state government negotiated with the federal government to ensure savings from other federally funded roads would be redirected to this important regional road project. The state government will continue to negotiate with the federal government to secure the best outcome for the people of Western Australia.
- (5) Funding will be \$6.2 million in 2013–14 and \$36 million in 2014–15.