

ELLEKER–GRASMERE ROAD — BRIDGE COLLAPSE

385. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the collapse of the bridge on Elleker–Grasmere Road in August 2013, and ask:

- (a) when was the last inspection of this bridge prior to its collapse;
- (b) has the reason for the collapse been determined:
 - (i) if yes to (b), what was the reason; and
 - (ii) if no to (b), when is it expected the reasons will be known;
- (c) when was the bridge due to be replaced;
- (d) how old was the bridge;
- (e) what is the gross vehicle mass limit for this bridge;
- (f) how many bridges in Western Australia are older than this bridge; and
- (g) what are the locations of the bridges in (f), and when are they due to be replaced?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

- (a) A visual inspection was undertaken in March 2013.
- (b) (i)–(ii) A final report on the collapse has yet to be finalised.
- (c) 2013–14.
- (d) 113 years.
- (e) 14 tonne.
- (f) Two.
- (g) Wheatbelt South Region and Mid West Region. Detailed inspections are undertaken on a regular basis and replacements are scheduled as required.