

SOUTH WEST ROADS — FUNDING

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

I refer to Chester Pass Road, north of the Stirling Ranges National Park, which traverses the Shire of Kent and Shire of Gnowangerup and ask:

- (a) what funding was budgeted in 2012–2013 for repairs to this road:
 - (i) if applicable, what specific project is this funding allocation for (e.g. shoulder maintenance, resealing, widening etc.);
 - (ii) have any of the budgeted funds been acquitted; and
 - (iii) if no funding was budgeted, why not;
- (b) is funding proposed for the section of Chester Pass Road, mentioned above, in the 2013–2014 Budget:
 - (i) if applicable, what funding has been allocated and over what time frame;
 - (ii) if applicable, of this funding allocation, what specific projects have been funded; and
 - (iii) if no funding was proposed, why not;
- (c) does the Department of Transport acknowledge that the Shires of Kent and Gnowangerup have had repairs to the abovementioned road listed as a priority for many years:
 - (i) if yes, what assessments will be undertaken by the Department of Transport to ensure this road obtains priority funding; and
 - (ii) if no to (c), why not; and
- (d) can you advise from 1 October 2008 until receipt of this question the number of times the Shires of Kent and Gnowangerup have contacted the Department of Transport about this section of road?

Mr T.R. Buswell replied:

The **Main Roads Western Australia** advises:

- (a) \$1 991 000
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 - (i) Refurbishment of a bridge and a new concrete deck, minor maintenance, pavement repairs and shoulder grading.
 - (ii) \$1 991 000
 - (iii) Not applicable
- (b) Yes
 - (i) \$2 115 000 in 2013–14.
 - (ii) Seal widening as well as specific maintenance and routine maintenance.
 - (iii) Not applicable.
- (c) Yes
 - (i) Main Roads is constantly assessing the priority for improvements to this road. These proposed projects are assessed on an annual basis as part of the budgetary process.
 - (ii) Not applicable
- (d) Main Roads has received three items of correspondence from the Shires of Kent and Gnowangerup about this road.