

COALFIELDS HIGHWAY — UPGRADE FUNDING

450. Mr M.P. Murray to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Will the 2008 election commitment to upgrade the Coalfields Highway begin this financial year?
 - (a) If not, when will the upgrade begin?
- (2) What planning has been undertaken to begin this upgrade?
- (3) When is the planning process for this upgrade expected to be completed?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (1) Planning work will begin this financial year.
 - (a) Subject to funding, actual construction is expected to begin in 2010/11.
- (2) Planning work has recently commenced with a corridor indentified that accommodates various alignment and staging options, a preliminary environmental assessment has been completed and photogrammetry and ground survey commenced.
- (3) The planning process is expected to be completed in mid 2010.