

INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE, BETWEEN LANCELIN AND CERVANTES

435. Hon M.J. CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

The minister's answer to my question without notice 62 on 23 May 2001 indicated that subject to environmental approval and land excisions, Indian Ocean Drive, between Lancelin and Cervantes, would be completed by mid-2003. In answer to question 411 on 21 August 2001, the minister anticipated that the project would be completed, this time by 2005 with construction expected to start in 2003-04 subject to the finalisation of the budget.

- (1) What is the commencement date?
- (2) What is the completion date?
- (3) What is the funding source?
- (4) Is the minister aware of the \$1.2 million private funding arrangement that is available if the road is completed by mid-2003?
- (5) Is the minister aware of the developments that hinge on the immediate construction of the road that would bring enormous benefits to the region and the State?

Hon G.T. GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The budget has not been finalised, but at this stage the commencement date is expected to be 2003-04.
- (2) 2005-06.
- (3) Roads budget.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The minister inspected the road and a number of developments on the weekend and appreciates the importance of the road. As the member will be aware, the Government found that a number of projects had been unfunded under the previous Government, particularly the rail component of the southern transport corridor. The Government had to defer some projects in order to bring others forward. The Government is confident from discussions with a number of the developers that important development projects on the central coast will continue to progress.