

VICTORIA HIGHWAY HEAVY HAULAGE ROUTE, KUNUNURRA

1071. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Victoria Highway, Kununurra Heavy Haulage Route, and I ask:

- (a) when does the Government expect construction of this project will commence;
- (b) when do the environmental approvals for this project expire;
- (c) what is the current weight limit on the bridge over the Ord River at the diversion dam;
- (d) when was an assessment of the weight limit for this bridge last undertaken;
- (e) does Main Roads Western Australia expect that without any remedial works further weight limits will be imposed on this bridge at some point in the future; and
- (f) if yes to (e), when do they expect this to occur?

**Hon Jim Chown replied:**

- (a) Construction timing will be determined when funding for Stage One of the Route is identified by the Commonwealth Government.
- (b) Main Roads is currently seeking an extension to clearing permit. The remaining environmental approvals do not have an expiry date specified.
- (c) An overall weight limit depends on the vehicle configuration.
- (d) September 2009.
- (e) Yes.
- (f) The next detailed inspection is scheduled for 2015-16.