

NARROGIN BYPASS ROAD — FUNDING

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

In refer to the Narrogin Bypass – North South Link Road in the Town of Narrogin, which Main Roads Western Australia Narrogin Depot has nominated as the number one priority road for completion for the last 10 years, and ask:

- (a) will the 2012–2013 State Budget have an allocation for funding to complete the Narrogin Bypass – North South Link Road if not, why not;
- (b) if it will not be funded in the 2012–2013 State Budget, when will funds be appropriated for the completion of this road; and
- (c) if funding will not be forthcoming for the bypass will the Minister provide an assurance to the residents of Clayton Road, users of the Narrogin Regional Recreation Centre and Narrogin residents in general, that the risks and dangers from having a heavy haulage route through a residential area will be addressed and managed in the short term?

Mr T.R. Buswell replied:

Main Roads WA advises:

- (a) No because the 2012–13 financial year has just elapsed.
- (b) Road funding needs are assessed annually as part of the State budgetary process. Consideration of funding for this project is currently underway as part of the 2013/14 budgetary process.
- (c) Until the road project can be completed the Town of Narrogin and Main Roads are ensuring adequate traffic management measures are in place. Measures currently in place include signage and speed restrictions through town. Transport operators are also encouraged to consider alternative routes on Saturdays when high volume recreational and sporting activities take place along Clayton Road.