

ROADS — NICHOLSON ROAD GRADE SEPARATION

728. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the proposed grade separation of Nicholson Road and the freight rail line.

- (1) When is it expected construction will commence?
- (2) When is it expected construction will be completed?
- (3) What is the estimated total cost of the project?
- (4) How much is allocated in the current budget and where is it allocated?
- (5) How much of the project's cost will be funded by —
 - (a) state government;
 - (b) federal government; and
 - (c) other sources, please specify?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Allowing for the normal procurement process, it is expected that a tender will be awarded 15 months after funding approval by the state government.
- (2) Eighteen months after the tender award.
- (3) The probable cost estimates are \$29.3 million for P50 and \$36 million for P90.
- (4) The federal government provided an allocation of up to \$18 million on a shared funding arrangement in the last federal budget. The Public Transport Authority is preparing an urgent submission to the state government for funding to match the federal government allocation with a view to obtaining approval to commence procurement in the last quarter of this calendar year.
- (5)
 - (a) Up to \$18 million.
 - (b) Up to \$18 million.
 - (c) None.