

ROADS — DONGARA–GERALDTON–NORTHAMPTON BYPASS

722. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports:

I refer to the Dongara–Geraldton–Northampton Bypass (the route), and ask:

- (a) Can the Minister confirm that Main Roads is preparing a standalone business case for the Northampton Bypass section of the route:
 - (i) If yes, has the Minister submitted this to State or Federal Government for funding approvals;
- (b) Have any traffic counts on the North West Coastal Highway and Hampton Road been conducted in Northampton townsite;
- (c) If yes to (b) please detail traffic counts for each month for the following years:
 - (i) 2017;
 - (ii) 2018;
 - (iii) 2019;
 - (iv) 2020;
 - (v) 2021;
 - (vi) 2022; and
 - (vii) 2023 to date;
- (d) Please provide projected freight traffic data in relation to truck movements from new sand and garnet operations to the North of Northampton townsite; and
- (e) When is the Northampton bypass section of the route going to commence construction and when is it due to be completed?

Ms R. Saffioti replied:

- (a) A business case is being prepared.
- (b)–(c) Details of traffic counts undertaken since 2017 are as follows:
 - Hampton Rd (North West Coastal Hwy) – North of Seventh Ave
AUGUST 2017: 2,298
SEPTEMBER 2017: 2,445
 - Hampton Rd (North West Coastal Hwy) – South of Stephen St
MAY 2018 2,385
JULY 2018 2,519
OCTOBER 2018 2,395
 - Hampton Rd (North West Coastal Hwy) – North of Stephen St
MAY 2018 2,331
JULY 2018 2,467
OCTOBER 2018 2,318
- (d) The Bypass is expected to have sufficient capacity to accommodate the anticipated volumes of heavy vehicle traffic.
- (e) This is subject to budget considerations.