

WILLIAM STREET BRIDGE

1090. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

I refer to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure's media release of 16 July 2003 that the William Street bridge is to be demolished next year.

- (1) What is the current asset value of the bridge?
- (2) What is the estimated cost of demolition?
- (3) What is the estimated cost to replace the bridge with a major new intersection on Riverside Drive?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The current Main Roads Western Australia asset value for the bridge is \$5.6 million.
- (2) \$1.3 million. There are significant urban planning, access and amenity benefits from the replacement of the traffic bridge with an at-grade intersection.
- (3) \$500 000. Note that this estimate includes roadworks costs that would have been incurred even if the bridge was to be retained, accounting for the major part - approximately 70 per cent - of the estimate. Savings in roadworks and traffic management costs are achieved in other areas as a result of the bridge's replacement with an at-grade intersection. Overall, there is no addition to project cost due to removal of the bridge.