

KIMBERLEY FLOODS — FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE

154. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I note that as of 14 February, it was 43 days since the Martuwarra Fitzroy River Bridge collapsed.

- (1) Has the minister finalised tenders for the new bridge construction?
- (2) Has the minister made it a condition of contract that the bridge be completed within a set time frame?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is that time frame?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I note that the answer is correct as at 14 February.

- (1) The new Fitzroy River Bridge will be designed and constructed under an alliance contract, which is a collaborative arrangement between Main Roads and the private sector. Proposals were called from industry in early February and the government intends to nominate a preferred proponent by the end of the month.
- (2)–(4) Main Roads has previously advised it would take up to two years to construct a new bridge at Fitzroy Crossing. The advantage of using an alliance contract is that it streamlines the procurement process and will allow Main Roads to work closely with the bridge designer and constructor to replace the bridge as quickly as possible.