

BUNBURY PORT — LOWER PRESTON RIVER — REALIGNMENT

849. Hon ADELE FARINA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the \$1.5 million in funding granted to the Bunbury port in 2012 and the \$1.5 million of Bunbury port internal funds approved to go towards the environmental study and engineering design phase of the realignment of the lower Preston River.

- (1) What is the current status of the environmental study?
- (2) If it is not yet completed, what is the expected completion date?
- (3) If the environment study is completed, will the minister table it?
- (4) What is the current status of the engineering design phase?
- (5) If the engineering design phase is not yet completed, what is the expected completion date?
- (6) The “Bunbury Port Authority 2013 Annual Report” states that final engineering design was expected to be completed in mid to late 2015. If it is not completed, what are the reasons for the delay in completing the final engineering design?
- (7) If the engineering design phase is completed, will the minister table the report and design drawings?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) The draft strategic public environmental review was submitted to the Environmental Protection Authority in November 2015.
- (2)–(3) The process is now being led by the EPA.
- (4) The study has been drafted.
- (5) The engineering design is subject to stakeholder input and the minister’s approval.
- (6) The study is not completed and is subject to stakeholder input and the minister’s approval.
- (7) Not applicable.