

ROE HIGHWAY EXTENSION

**211. Hon TOM STEPHENS to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the \$7.022m already spent on the Roe Highway extension from Welshpool Road to Wimbledon Street and ask -

- (1) On what was this money spent?
- (2) How much of the expenditure related to design of the road?
- (3) Why was a design and construct contract let?

**Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) Stages 4 and 5 of Roe Highway from Welshpool Road to Wimbledon Street are now being treated as a single design and construct project. Expenditure since 1992-93 to 30 June this year is \$4.8m. This expenditure includes planning, investigation, land acquisition, management and construction costs, as well as design.
- ⊕(3) The design and construct process can realise substantial benefits for large and/or complex projects. The process reduces Main Roads' exposure to risks of inadequate interfacing between the design and construction and maximises the opportunity for tenderers to offer innovative and effective designs. Design work - undertaken essentially for stage 4 - will be provided to tenderers. The value of this design work will be an integral element of the tender process. Tenderers will reflect the value of this work in their final tender price.