

SOUTH WEST ROADS — FUNDING

**997. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Goomalling–Merredin Road from Wyalkatchem through to Merredin, and ask:

- (a) what funding was budgeted in 2012–2013 for repairs and maintenance to this road:
  - (i) if applicable, what specific project is this funding allocation for (e.g. shoulder maintenance, resealing, widening etc.);
  - (ii) if applicable, of the budgeted funds have any been acquitted; and
  - (iii) if no funding was budgeted, why not;
- (b) is funding proposed for the Goomalling–Merredin Road in the 2013–2014 Budget:
  - (i) if applicable, how much funding has been allocated and over what time frame;
  - (ii) if applicable, of this funding allocation, what specific project will be funded; and
  - (iii) if no funding was proposed, why not;
- (c) does the Department of Transport acknowledge that the Shires of Trayning, Wyalkatchem and Nungarin have had repairs to the Goomalling–Merredin Road listed as a priority for many years:
  - (i) if yes, what assessments will be undertaken by the Department of Transport to ensure this road obtains priority funding; and
  - (ii) if no to (c), why not; and
- (d) can you advise from 1 October 2008 until receipt of this question the number of times the Shires of Trayning, Wyalkatchem and Nungarin have contacted the Department of Transport about this road?

**Mr T.R. Buswell replied:**

The **Main Roads Western Australia** advises:

- (a) \$3 632m
  - (i) Seal widening and maintenance resealing works.
  - (ii) \$3 632m
  - (iii) Not applicable
- (b) Yes
  - (i) \$2 4m is allocated in 2013–14.
  - (ii) Upgrading of an intersection and maintenance sealing works.
  - (iii) Not applicable
- (c) Yes
  - (i) The proposed upgrades of the Goomalling–Merredin Road will be reviewed annually as part of the State budgetary process.
  - (ii) Not applicable.
- (d) Although Main Roads is unable to provide a definitive number of the named Councils approaches, it acknowledges that the Shires of Trayning, Wyalkatchem and Nungarin have raised this matter on occasion over the years.