

METROPOLITAN REGION SCHEME, FREMANTLE EASTERN BYPASS

**Hon J.A. SCOTT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

- (1) Has the minister instructed the Western Australian Planning Commission to combine the Fremantle bypass metropolitan region scheme amendment with any other MRS amendments resulting from the current freight network review?
- (2) If not, what does the minister intend to do about the Western Australian Planning Commission's decision to proceed in this manner?
- (3) How many months will this delay the deletion of the Fremantle bypass reservation?
- (4) As the Fremantle bypass was reinstated by an Act of Parliament, will that Act need to be repealed before the bypass can be deleted from the metropolitan region scheme?

**Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The minister has on a number of occasions requested the Western Australian Planning Commission to progress amendment of the metropolitan region scheme to delete the Fremantle eastern bypass in parallel with other planning actions.
- (2) The minister understands that the Western Australian Planning Commission has resolved to initiate, under section 33 of the Act, a major amendment to the metropolitan region scheme to delete the Fremantle eastern bypass reservation between Healy Road, Hamilton Hill and High Street, Fremantle. In resolving accordingly, the Western Australian Planning Commission noted that consequential actions and amendments are being investigated as part of the freight network review.
- (3) A major amendment is the normal way to amend the MRS in relation to a proposal of this significance. No delays in this process have been identified.
- (4) No.