

KIMBERLEY FLOODS — FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE

963. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I note the dire situation facing businesses in the East Kimberley.

- (1) Can the minister guarantee that heavy transport will continue to operate across the Fitzroy River throughout the coming wet season?
- (2) Is it true that the sealed low-level crossing will be removed before the onset of the wet season in order to protect the bridge from any debris that might be washed from the low-level crossing if it were to remain in place?
- (3) If yes to (2), why was the low-level crossing built upstream in the first place?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1)–(3) Main Roads Western Australia continues to work with industry on options to maintain connectivity during the coming wet season.