

SOUTH WEST ROADS — FUNDING

984. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Margaret River Perimeter Road (under design), Bussell Highway from Witchcliffe to Augusta (approximately 35kms) and the Brockman Highway from Bussell Highway to Scott River Road (approximately 17kms) in the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, and ask:

- (a) what funding was budgeted in 2012–2013 for repairs and maintenance to the abovementioned sections of 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 abovementioned section of road in the 2013–2014 Budget:
 - (i) if applicable, what funding has been allocated and over what time frame;
 - (ii) if applicable, of the funding allocation, what specific projects have been funded; and
 - (iii) if no funding was proposed, why not;
- (c) does the Department of Transport acknowledge that the Shire of August Margaret River has had repairs to the abovementioned section of road listed as a priority for many years:
 - (i) if yes, what assessments will be undertaken by the Department of Transport to ensure this section of 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 Shire of Augusta Margaret River has contacted the Department of Transport about these sections of road?

Mr T.R. Buswell replied:

The **Main Roads Western Australia** advises:

- (a) \$1 357 585
 - (i) Project development, shoulder sealing and installation of audible edge line
 - (ii) \$1 296 585
 - (iii) Higher priority works on other roads.
- (b) Yes
 - (i) \$3 130 434
 - (ii) Design and preconstruction works, shoulder sealing and installation of audible edge line as well land acquisition and widening.
 - (iii) Not applicable
- (c) Only for the construction of the Margaret River Perimeter Road.
 - (i) Stage One of the Margaret River Perimeter Road is funded.
 - (ii) In terms of Bussell Highway and Brockman Highway, Main Roads has received no requests from the Shire about the condition of the aforementioned section of the roads.
- (d) Main Roads has had considerable contact with the Shire of Augusta Margaret River during the preparation of the Margaret River Town Strategy and considerable contact since that time. For the Bussell Highway section, there has been only one contact in 2009 to Main Roads passing on a request from a landowner to repair one intersection. The Shire has not made any contact in regard to Brockman Highway.