

GERALDTON SOUTHERN TRANSPORT CORRIDOR AND FORESHORE DEVELOPMENT

**1258. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

To clear up any uncertainty surrounding the Geraldton southern transport corridor and foreshore development, will the minister advise the House -

- (1) That funding for the southern transport corridor and foreshore development is assured?
- (2) What is the commencement date for the construction of the southern transport corridor and foreshore development?
- (3) What is the completion date for the construction of the southern transport corridor and the foreshore development?

**Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:**

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary, I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(3) As the honourable member would appreciate, the Government is currently in the final stages of preparing the 2002-03 state budget. Accordingly, confirmation of funding allocated to the Geraldton southern transport corridor project will be provided when the budget is brought down next month. The Geraldton southern transport corridor is a committed government project. The necessary planning and clearance phase of the project is well under way with the view to commencing the tender process in the new financial year. It is anticipated that a construction contract will be awarded in March 2003. It is estimated that the project will be completed at the end of 2005. Main Roads and the Geraldton Port Authority are currently in discussions with the City of Geraldton over the foreshore development project. These discussions centre around issues related to the possible use of excess fill from the Geraldton southern transport corridor for reclamation of the town's foreshore.