

**MITCHELL FREEWAY — PEAK TIME TRAFFIC**

2921. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that in peak times on the Mitchell Freeway northbound, vehicles are backing up from the traffic lights at the Hodges Drive off-ramp, almost reaching the Edgewater Train Station?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the Minister doing to address this issue?
- (3) How many vehicle accidents occurred in this (trapped) lane exiting at Hodges Drive in:
  - (a) 2013;
  - (b) 2014; and
  - (c) 2015 to date?

**Hon Jim Chown replied:**

- (1) Main Roads has advised that it is not aware of any congestion at the Hodges Drive off-ramp northbound and has received no complaints regarding queuing at that location. In fact the recent Auditor General's Report (Report 2: March 2015) indicates congestion on northbound Mitchell Freeway has eased as a result of works undertaken by the Liberal–National Government.
- (2) Not applicable
- (3)
  - (a) This lane was opened to traffic in December 2013 so no crash statistics are available for 2013.
  - (b) Nine
  - (c) Preliminary unaudited 2015 crash statistics from WA Police indicate that no crashes have occurred in this lane at the Hodges Drive northbound off-ramp to date.