

SOUTH WEST ROADS — FUNDING

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

I refer to the Quairading to York section of road that is part of the York–Merredin Road which traverses the Shires of Quairading, York and Beverley and ask:

- (a) what funding was budgeted in 2012–2013 for repairs, maintenance or design works on this section of road:
 - (i) if applicable, what specific project is this funding allocation for (e.g. resealing, widening, overtaking lanes);
 - (ii) if applicable, of the budgeted funds, have any been acquitted; and
 - (iii) if not, why not;
- (b) is funding proposed for the Quairading to York section of the York–Merredin Road, in the 2013–2014 Budget:
 - (i) if applicable, how much funding has been allocated and over what time frame;
 - (ii) if applicable, of this proposed funding, what specific projects will be funded; and
 - (iii) if not, why not;
- (c) does the Department of Transport acknowledge that a number of upgrades to the Quairading to York section of road have been listed as a priority request from Shires of Quairading, York and Beverley for many years:
 - (i) if yes, what assessments will be undertaken by the Department of Transport to ensure this road obtains priority funding; and
 - (ii) if not, why not; and
- (d) can you advise from 1 October 2008 until receipt of this question the number of times the Shires of Quairading, York and Beverley has contacted the Department of Transport about this section of road?

Mr T.R. Buswell replied:

The **Main Roads Western Australia** advises:

- (a) \$0.6m
 - (i) Seal widening and installation of audible edge lines.
 - (ii) \$0.6m
 - (iii) Not applicable
- (b) Yes
 - (i) \$5.247m
 - (ii) Seal widening works and intersection improvements.
 - (iii) Not applicable
- (c) Yes
 - (i) Not applicable, as priority works have been funded.
 - (ii) Not applicable.
- (d) Although Main Roads is unable to provide a definitive number of the named Councils approaches, it acknowledges that the Shires of Quairading, York and Beverley have raised this matter on occasion over the years.