

METROPOLITAN REGION SCHEME — STEPHENSON HIGHWAY

**677. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

My question was to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning. I am not sure how the government manages to transfer a matter that relates to the metropolitan region scheme, but I have been advised that it has to go to the Minister for Transport. Maybe they thought Hon Jim Chown would feel unloved if I did not ask him any questions today.

**Hon Jim Chown:** I have the response here.

**Hon KEN TRAVERS:** I am not sure how a minister can answer something that is unrelated to his portfolio, but I will ask the question anyway and find out what nonsense the government gives!

I refer to the Stephenson Highway between Innaloo and Fremantle, which is shown as a primary regional road in the metropolitan region scheme.

- (1) Does the government still consider this road reservation necessary?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) What impact does the Premier's recent announcement that the government does not intend to build a second metropolitan container port for another 15 years have on the role and importance of this road in meeting the freight task?

I would have thought they were all planning matters, Mr President.

**Hon Helen Morton:** Sounds like a road to me.

**Hon KEN TRAVERS:** That shows how little the minister knows about the MRS.

**Hon JIM CHOWN replied:**

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) There is no impact.