

ROAD AND RAIL BUDGETS, FORMULAE FOR FUNDING

67. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) What is the current formulae used for ascertaining the ratio of funding from roads budgets compared to funding from rail budgets -
- (a) where roads are constructed over railways; and
- (b) where railways are tunnelled under roads?
- (2) Has this formulae been applied to the road/rail intersections along the Perth-Mandurah electric rail line?
- (3) If not, how has the cost been allocated and reported in budgets?

Hon G.T. GIFFARD replied:

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- (a) There is no specific formulae used in allocating funds for this category of work. Funds allocated from road budgets for roads over railways are on a needs basis and compete with all other road needs for various categories of roadworks across the State. The road funding needs are determined by taking account of factors such as transport efficiency, road safety, social equity and environmental factors such as traffic noise and visual quality.
- (b) There is no specific formulae used in allocating funds for this category of work. Rail construction projects that require tunnels under existing roads are not a common occurrence. On the occasions where a tunnel is necessary the Western Australian Government Railways would consult with Main Roads (and others) to determine the most appropriate funding arrangements.
2. There is no specific formulae used in allocating funds for this category of work.
3. The needs were identified in the planning for South West Metropolitan Railway (SWMR) and costs allocated and recorded in the overall Perth Urban Rail Development budget as shown in the SWMR Master Plan.