

ROAD SAFETY — LESMURDIE ROAD AND WELSHPOOL ROAD EAST INTERSECTION —
CYCLISTS

908. Hon SAMANTHA ROWE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to an article published in the *Midland Reporter* on 18 August 2015 regarding research conducted at the University of Western Australia that revealed the intersection of Lesmurdie Road and Welshpool Road East to be the most dangerous intersection for cyclists, with 11 crashes between 2010 and 2014.

- (1) Does the minister intend to modify the intersection to make it safer for cyclists?
- (2) If yes to (1), how will the intersection be modified and when will the modifications be complete?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1)–(3) Both Lesmurdie Road and Welshpool Road East are local government roads under the care and control of the Shire of Kalamunda, and council is responsible for the safe operation of this intersection. Although any modifications to the intersection are the responsibility of council, Main Roads WA is always available to provide any technical advice or assistance required.

The member may be interested to know that in 2014–15, the Liberal–National government provided an unprecedented \$167 million to local governments for important local road upgrades.