

ROADS, SOUTH WESTERN HIGHWAY, DONNYBROOK-GREENBUSHES

1321. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Will the Minister advise -

- (a) progress of the upgrade of the Southwest Highway between Donnybrook and Greenbushes;
- (b) the estimated date of completion; and
- (c) the projected/estimated cost of this upgrade?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a) Planning, land acquisition and design is well advanced near Donnybrook. Survey, Environmental assessment, Aboriginal Heritage Survey and preliminary assessment of realignments have been completed on the remainder of the route.

A southbound passing lane north of Balingup was completed in May 2003 along with an extension to a northbound passing lane north of Balingup. The design of a northbound passing lane south of Kirup is in progress.

- (b) The widening of the entire length, completion of discrete realignments and construction of passing lanes is not funded in the 2003/04 State Budget. However, it is proposed to continue to consider part of the works in Main Roads annual safety and improvement programs with a northbound passing lane near Mullalyup proposed for construction in 2003/04. This passing lane will complete 3 of the 7 passing lanes originally proposed as part of the highway upgrade. Other works will be considered as part of future State Budget considerations.
- (c) The estimated cost of widening, discrete realignments and 7 passing lanes between Donnybrook and Greenbushes is \$29 million.