

MANNING ROAD OFF-RAMP

978. MR S.J. PRICE to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the McGowan government's latest congestion-busting project—the Manning Road off-ramp. Can the minister outline the benefits to commuters of this latest project, and can the minister update the house on the McGowan government's congestion-busting agenda?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

I thank the member for Forrestfield for the question. Today, I was out there with my good friend the member for South Perth delivering on yet more initiatives for his constituency. I will talk about them in a minute.

Several members interjected.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I will get to that. Of course, we have already introduced a new bus stop at the Manning hub. Today, WA Labor is delivering on a project that that member has been campaigning for since he got elected. It is good that the WA Labor government can deliver on a project that his own side could not deliver in eight and a half years! The Manning Road on-ramp will deliver to the constituents of not only the member for South Perth, but also the members for Cannington and Victoria Park. It will have great benefits across the network. The on-ramp going south will firstly make it much easier for the good residents of Como and Manning to access the freeway south, and, of course, it will take a lot of pressure off other roads such as Canning Highway and Leach Highway, which will benefit residents from Victoria Park to Cannington. Because there is no Manning Road on-ramp to the south, drivers in that area currently use Canning Highway and Leach Highway for access. We believe this will significantly reduce the time travelled in that area, save people a lot of time and improve safety. It is a great project. I am so glad that we could deliver this for the member for South Perth and members on this side.

The SPEAKER: Hear, hear!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I have an offer for the member, though. We have already seen the John McGrath pavilions being built out there.

Mr B.S. Wyatt: There are 17 of them!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: There are a lot of pavilions! There they are—the John McGrath pavilions. I know that he may not be contesting the next election, so he has 18 months left. Come to our side, and we can rename the Manning Road on-ramp the “Johnny McGrath on-ramp”.

The SPEAKER: As long as it is not a memorial!