

COALFIELDS HIGHWAY — UPGRADES

805. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the road upgrades being carried out by Brierty Ltd on sections of Coalfields highway on behalf of Main Roads, announced on 21 September 2015.

- (1) How many subcontracting businesses have been engaged on this project; what is the amount payable to each subcontractor for its work on the project; and how much of each of these amounts payable is still outstanding?
- (2) For the outstanding payments referred to in (1), what is the planned payment schedule and when can these subcontractors expect to be paid in full?
- (3) What reasons has Brierty given for its failure to pay subcontractors involved in the project within the expected time frame; is the state government confident that the company is financially sound; and what requirements will the state government place on Brierty for future project work to ensure that subcontractors are paid within the agreed time frame?
- (4) When will this work be completed in full?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) Main Roads has a direct contract with Brierty on the Coalfields highway project. Any subcontracts that Brierty may have for this project are the commercial business of Brierty.
- (2) At any point in time there will be subcontractors who have completed work but have not been paid. This may be in accordance with agreed terms of trade with the contractor.
- (3) Main Roads expects Brierty to continue to complete the Coalfields highway and have contractual mechanisms in place to ensure that when payments are made to Brierty, the subcontractors are paid.
- (4) Coalfields highway works are expected to be completed by the end of December 2016.