

ROE HIGHWAY EXTENSION — TRAFFIC MODELLING

691. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Can the minister confirm information published in the “Roe Highway Extension Public Environmental Review Volume 1”, which states that —
 - (a) forecast daily total traffic flows, as shown in figure 2.2–6 on page 28, on Leach Highway would be virtually unchanged in 2021 whether Roe 8 is built;
 - (b) congestion on South Street and North Lake Road is likely to be a problem only in peak hour; and
 - (c) the congestion on South Street and North Lake Road in 2021 is unlikely to be improved from that currently experienced if Roe 8 is built and in some cases will be worse, especially at Stock Road and Murdoch Drive?
- (2) What other strategies were investigated to reduce traffic congestion at peak times?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

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

- (1)
 - (a) Modelling predicts that traffic flows will be slightly lower with the Roe Highway extension. Truck traffic flows will reduce by 15 to 20 per cent, thereby providing improved social amenity for residents.
 - (b)–(c) Please refer to question without notice 962.
- (2) Please refer to question without notice 962.