

GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY — UPGRADE FUNDING

1371. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

I refer to the upgrade of the Great Eastern Highway from Kooyong Road to Tonkin Highway and ask —

- (1) How much funding has been allocated to this project in this current budget and each year of the forward estimates?
- (2) How much of this is State funding and how much of this is Federal funding?
- (3) Is this funding sufficient to complete the upgrade of this road from Kooyong Road to Tonkin Highway?
- (4) If no to (3), what will be the impact of this funding shortfall?
- (5) When does the Government expect to commence construction of the upgrade to the Highway?
- (6) When does the Government expect to complete this upgrade?
- (7) Has there been any change to the indicative timeline for the upgrade of this highway since it was originally discussed with the Commonwealth Government?
- (8) If yes to (7), what are the changes to the timeframe, and why?
- (9) Can construction of the highway upgrade commence immediately?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?
- (11) Has the Government commenced acquiring all of the necessary land for the upgrade?
- (12) When does the Government expect all the necessary land will be acquired?
- (13) Can the Government accelerate the acquisition of the land required, and if so how?
- (14) If no to (13), why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) The total funding allocated during the 2009/10 Budget and Forward Estimates period between 2008/09 and 2013/14 is \$225m.
- (2) \$45m is State funds and \$180m is Federal funds.
- (3) No.
- (4) It is likely that the funding provided will only allow the upgrade of Great Eastern Highway from Kooyong Road to Hardey Road.
- (5) Construction is planned to commence in mid 2011.
- (6) The project is expected to be complete by mid 2014.
- (7) No.
- (8) Not applicable
- (9) No.
- (10) Lead time required for all necessary pre-construction and planning activities such as detailed design, land acquisition, services relocation, environmental approval and contracting methodology.
- (11) Yes. Acquisition of land for the section from Kooyong Road to Epsom Avenue has commenced. Acquisition of land for the section from Epsom Avenue to Tonkin Highway will commence by June 2010.
- (12) Land acquisition is expected to take 12 months to finalise.
- (13) No.
- (14) The land acquisition process being followed is the fastest possible under statutory requirements. Landowners have 60 days to lodge objections following issue of a Notice of Intent to Take.