

TRANSPORT — LORD STREET PROJECT

4059. Mrs L.M. Harvey to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the New Lord Street project, and I ask:

- (a) what is the expected total cost of the project;
- (b) was a business case prepared for this project and if not, why not;
- (c) if yes to (b) will you table the business case;
- (d) was this project subject to a competitive tender process and if not, why not; and
- (e) why has the project completion date been delayed by 13 weeks?

**Ms R. Saffioti replied:**

- (a) \$57 million.
- (b)–(c) The New Lord Street project resulted from a variation to the contract for the Ellenbrook Bus Rapid Transit (EBRT) project.
- (d) The EBRT project was subject to a formal tender process in 2016. The contract was then modified to remove the dedicated bus road and replace it with an additional carriageway on New Lord Street.
- (e) One of the wettest winters on record resulted in significant project impacts including delayed and extended services relocations and other weather dependant construction activities.