

HIGH STREET–STIRLING HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

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

I refer to the project to improve the safety of the High Street–Stirling Highway intersection in Fremantle.

- (1) Please describe the options under consideration and identify the government's preferred option.
- (2) Is the estimated total cost of this project about \$70 million?
- (3) What amount of money has been budgeted from —
 - (a) the state government; and
 - (b) the federal government?
- (4) Please provide evidence that there is a time limit on federal funding.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

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

- (1) Option 4, involving construction of a new four-lane dual carriageway parallel to the current High Street, and a sweeping curve into Stirling Highway, is the government's preferred option to upgrade High Street.
- (2) The final cost is yet to be determined.
- (3)
 - (a) The state government has budgeted \$34 million.
 - (b) The member should be aware that this project is one of the projects included in the Perth urban transport and freight corridor initiative, which itself forms part of the Nation Building Program. The NBP is covered by a memorandum of understanding that covers the periods 2008–09 to 2013–14.
- (4) The answer given to (3)(b) also answers part (4).