

COLLIE COALFIELDS HIGHWAY — UPGRADES

**430. Hon SUE ELLERY to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

This question without notice was lodged by Hon Adele Farina, who is out of the chamber on urgent parliamentary business.

Further to the 2012–13 state budget announcement that \$10.6 million has been allocated for continuing upgrades to the Coalfields highway from the Wellington Dam turnoff to Collie —

- (1) What design work has been done for this section of road?
- (2) What privately owned properties, state forestry areas or sections of the Wellington National Park have been identified for land acquisition in this area?
- (3) Has any legislation been drafted for the acquisition of this state-owned land?
- (4) What negotiations have been undertaken with private landowners that may be affected by this section of the Coalfields highway?
- (5) Has any funding been allocated for land acquisition; and, if so, what is the total amount?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. This answer is at 14 June —

- (1)–(5) The Minister for Transport advises that unfortunately these questions cannot be answered in the time allocated; however, the member is welcome to place this question on notice. The minister advises that Main Roads Western Australia is currently working on a response to an identical question asked on notice by the member for Collie–Preston, and the member may be interested in the response.