

BUNBURY PORT ACCESS ROAD STAGE 2

472. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the “Roads to Export: Bunbury Infrastructure Investment Plan”, released by the South West Development Commission last week, which states that the port access road stage 2 is expected to cost \$40 million and is currently programmed for completion in 2013.

- (1) Is the expected total cost of the project \$40 million?
- (2) Is the project currently programmed for completion in 2013?
- (3) If yes to (1), why do the 2010–11 state budget papers state that the cost of the project is \$65.774 million?
- (4) How much of the \$65.774 million is funded by the state government and how much is funded by the commonwealth government?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. I note the enthusiasm with which so many members of the Labor Party have been reading “Roads to Export: Bunbury Infrastructure Investment Plan” and using it as a source for questions.

Several members interjected.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: It does not matter whether the members are from the Bunbury region or somewhere else, surely there will not be any more questions of this nature. Surely they have a bit more imagination than that!

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order, members! I know exactly who was at the launch of that document!

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: I thank the honourable member for her notice of this question.

Hon Adele Farina: The rest of us didn't get an invite!

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: It obviously rankles; does it?

Hon Adele Farina: No, not at all.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: I have never heard of it either.

Hon Ljiljana Ravlich: One last time we have to see you!

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: One! Are Hon Adele Farina and Hon Ljiljana Ravlich bickering?

Hon Ljiljana Ravlich: No. We are as one!

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: The answer to the member's question is —

- (1) No. The 2010–11 budget provides \$65.7 million for stage 2 of the Bunbury port access road.
- (2) The project is anticipated to commence in 2011–12 and be completed in 2012–13, subject to obtaining the necessary environmental and heritage clearances.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Stage 2 is fully funded by the commonwealth, in contrast to stage 1, which was predominantly funded by the state.