

SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN SUBURBS — CYCLE TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

786. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) What action has the Government taken to alleviate traffic congestion around schools in the suburbs of Martin, Gosnells, Thornlie and Huntingdale?
- (2) How much has the Government invested in the cycle to school programme?
- (3) What action has the Government taken to assist Lumen Christi College improve its percentage of students cycling to school?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (1) Traffic congestion during drop-off and pick-up times is common at schools across the metropolitan area. Generally, traffic management issues are addressed by the Local Council and the actual school involved. If the Member has some specific concerns, relating to a particular school, he may wish to take these up with the City of Gosnells and the relevant School Principal.
- (2) In 2009 the DPI invested \$27 000 in its annual *Cycle Instead* Bikeweek Cycle to School Day program and \$40 000 in its annual TravelSmart to School program.

The *TravelSmart to School* program encourages children to cycle, walk or take public transport to school.
- (3) The Government has encouraged Lumen Christi College to take part in the DPI's annual Cycle Instead Cycle to School Day program. Lumen Christi College did not register for this event in 2009.