

BUNBURY OUTER RING ROAD ROUTE

431. Hon COLIN HOLT to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Bunbury Outer Ring Road. Main Roads has recently proposed changing the long-agreed route to a corridor further east of that previously considered.

- (1) What are the reasons for changing the long-held view of the route?
- (2) What is the plan to consult with local government, landholders and the community?
- (3) How many extra kilometres will the new route add to the outer ring road?
- (4) How many extra bridges will be required on the new route?
- (5) What extra costs will be associated with the new route?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) Desktop planning assessments identified that an additional eastern corridor within the Bunbury Outer Ring Road north section would provide a number of network, safety and efficiency benefits in comparison with the previous BORR north concept. Based on current transport and land use planning, the new alignment will also provide a number of broader strategic benefits.
- (2) Various consultation occurred between November 2017 and May 2018 to inform the alignment selection process. Targeted consultation with potentially impacted landholders has been undertaken, providing valuable information with a large number of effective and productive interactions informing the planning process. The local government authorities of Harvey, Dardanup, Bunbury and Capel have also been consulted.
- (3) It will be approximately two kilometres. The precise difference will depend on the detailed alignment definition.
- (4) Further analysis is required but it is anticipated that the new alignment will require fewer bridges.
- (5) Nil.