

CARNARVON — FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS

194. Hon KEN BASTON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

I refer to question without notice 951 of 25 October 2006 about Carnarvon flood mitigation works.

- (1) Has phase 2 of the flood mitigation works, including construction of the levees, been commenced?
- (2) If no to (1), why not, and when will these works commence?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that sufficient funds have been allocated to ensure completion by late 2008; and, if not, why not?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

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

Main Roads was appointed by the Department of Water and the Shire of Carnarvon to project-manage the development and delivery of the Carnarvon flood mitigation project under the direction of the Carnarvon flood plains steering committee.

- (1) No. The design consultancy was awarded on 28 November 2007. Consultancy is for 40 weeks, with construction works expected to be tendered prior to Christmas 2008, and construction is anticipated to commence after the wet season in March-April 2009.
- (2) The project was delayed due to the Environmental Protection Authority approval process.
- (3) As the Department of Water is the project owner, this component of the question should be directed to the Minister for Water Resources.