

CARNARVON — FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS

232. Hon KEN BASTON to the Minister for Water Resources:

I refer to question without notice 194 asked on 18 March 2008 about the Carnarvon flood mitigation works.

- (1) Will the minister confirm that funds are budgeted for to complete stage 2 of these works in 2009?
- (2) Does the completion of stage 1 and the delay in commencement of stage 2 represent an increased flood risk in Carnarvon?
- (3) If yes to (2), does the minister have contingency plans to protect Carnarvon in the event of flooding prior to completion of stage 2 of this project?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Ken Baston for some notice of the question.

- (1) Stage 1 of the Carnarvon flood mitigation works, which involved upgrading of North West Coastal Highway just south of Brown Range, has now been successfully completed at a cost of approximately \$7 million. With regard to stage 2 of the flood mitigation works, a consultant has been appointed recently to design and prepare tender documentation for the construction of the remaining works. This design work will be completed by late 2008. Construction of stage 2 works is planned for early 2009-10 and is expected to take six months. Funding will, therefore, be considered in the 2009-10 budget.
- (2) The town of Carnarvon is well protected from major river flooding by an extensive levy system. However, the surrounding plantation areas are prone to flood damage. Carnarvon's flood risk is not increased due to the completion of stage 1 only and with stage 2 not being commenced.
- (3) Not applicable.