

ROE HIGHWAY — EXTENSION TO STOCK ROAD

1386. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

- (1) Has the State Government commenced any work to determine the net benefits to the State for an extension of the Roe Highway to Stock Road?
- (2) Will the Minister table any study conducted?
- (3) Will the Minister outline the results of this work?
- (4) Is the Minister or his agencies aware of any studies, conducted by any other organisation into the net benefit to the State of this project?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) A Strategic Planning Review has been completed by an independent consultant which has concluded that there is a strategic case for extending Roe Highway to Stock Road.
- (2) The Strategic Planning Review Report will be released shortly and a copy will be tabled.
- (3) The review concluded that severe congestion and restricted traffic flow would be widespread on the major routes in the south west metropolitan area by 2031 if the Roe Highway is not extended beyond Kwinana Freeway. This would result in higher transport costs for the freight industry, and worse noise and pollution levels for communities. Without the Roe Highway Extension freight traffic would have no option but to travel on the already congested Kwinana Freeway, South Street and Leach Highway.
- (4) Apart from the Strategic Review the extension of Roe Highway to Stock Road is being considered in a number of transport planning studies being undertaken by the Department of Planning. These studies include those associated with the Murdoch Activity Centre (Fiona Stanley Hospital) and the broader review of the Southern Metropolitan and Peel Transport Network.