

ROE HIGHWAY STAGE 8 — LEACH HIGHWAY

**112. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Transport:**

It would be nice to get an answer. She usually does not answer my questions.  
Several members interjected.

*Point of Order*

**Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE:** Mr Speaker, there are several interjections from the other side while the member is trying to ask a question.

**The SPEAKER:** Members, the question will be heard in silence.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** Thank you, Mr Speaker, for your protection.

I refer to Main Roads traffic modelling presented to the WA Port Operations Taskforce in December that showed that Leach Highway has annual congestion costs in the hundreds of millions of dollars and that local residents are forced to negotiate eight blackspot locations as a result of the government's decision to cancel Roe 8. Why is the minister failing to address all the safety and congestion issues on Leach Highway, which are putting people's lives at risk and hurting the state's economy?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:**

I thank the member for Scarborough for that question. What was the Liberal Party doing for eight and a half years? The Liberal Party thought this was such a priority that it had a project in the 2009–10 budget that it never delivered in eight and a half years. It did nothing!

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Do members know what irritates the federal government most about this project? It is that the former government did not build it. It wanted the project but the former government did not build it, so now it is working with a government that gets on and delivers its projects.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members, please! I want to hear the answer.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** It is working with a government that is getting on and delivering. There are a number of congested intersections and improvements across the network. We are making a number of improvements to the top 10 most congested intersections across the network. They are projects such as the continuation of NorthLink, the Wanneroo Road intersections, the North Lake Road intersection and the Armadale Road project. These are projects across the network. Does the opposition know what the number one most congested intersection across the network is?

**The SPEAKER:** Through the Chair, minister.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Member for Scarborough, what is the number one most congested?

**The SPEAKER:** Through the Chair. I have just told you to come through the Chair.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Members opposite never looked at the list of congested intersections. They never looked at the facts. They made up a project and now they are scrambling, a deposed monarchy, walking around like somehow the world still loves them and the world still believes in them. The world does not! People have moved on. They have a government delivering jobs, infrastructure certainty and its commitments. That is what we are on about and, as I said —

**Mr S.K. L'Estrange** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Churchlands!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** We are giving small business more confidence than that Minister for Small Business ever did. We are giving small business and big business confidence across WA. Those are our projects and we are very proud of them.