

SOUTH WESTERN HIGHWAY — TRAFFIC COUNTS

1257. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What was the last count of traffic on South Western Highway around the Byford town centre prior to the opening of the Perth-Bunbury highway?
- (2) What traffic counts have been taken on the South Western Highway since the opening of the Perth-Bunbury highway?
- (3) Will the minister table those counts?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question and I acknowledge the interest he continues to show in traffic issues in the South West Region, even though, of course, he does not represent the area any more. It is most commendable that he retains that interest.

Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm: Very observant, as usual.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: Yes.

- (1)-(3) The response to those several questions contains data best expressed in written form rather than verbal form. The question also requests that a number of documents be tabled. I therefore seek leave to have the one-page written answer recorded in *Hansard* and I table the documents requested.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

AWT — Average Weekday Traffic

VPD — Vehicles Per Day

1. Last count for the Byford area prior to the opening:

- South Western Highway - South of Thomas Rd = 15356 AWT VPD (Nov 2008)
- South Western Highway - South of Jessie St = 14818 AWT VPD (Nov 2008)
- South Western Highway - South of Nettleton Rd = 9848 AWT VPD (Nov 2008)

2. Locations counted on South Western Highway after the opening of New Perth Bunbury Highway (collected for 1 week, straight after the opening)

- South Western Highway - North of Patterson Rd, Pinjarra
- South Western Highway - North of Old Bunbury Rd
- An 80 count site collection program will take place in March 2010.

3. I table the requested documents.

[See paper 1595.]