

AIRPORT EXPRESSWAY PLANS

**437. Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

I ask this question on behalf of Hon Ken Travers, who had to leave the chamber on urgent parliamentary business. I refer to the announcement last week that Main Roads WA engineers have been asked to investigate the feasibility of an expressway between the city and the airport with no intersections or traffic lights.

- (1) What are the specific terms of reference for the investigation, and on what date was the investigation requested by the minister?
- (2) What is the estimated cost of the investigation, who will conduct it and when will it be completed?
- (3) Has Main Roads provided any advice on an approximate or indicative cost for the various options for an expressway?
- (4) When does the minister expect construction of an expressway would be likely to commence?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I would like to thank Hon Ken Travers for notice of this question, and ask if Hon Adele Farina could pass on my appreciation when he is back.

**Hon Adele Farina:** I will be more than happy to.

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** I am missing him already.

- (1)–(4) The minister has asked Main Roads WA to investigate the feasibility of an expressway between the city and the airport, which will be considered by government. The member is however assured that, unlike the previous Labor government, which was criticised by the Auditor General for failing to properly plan for large projects, this state government will undertake work with due diligence.