

MAIN ROADS — 10-YEAR ASSET INVESTMENT PROGRAM

573. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Reid Highway – Mirrabooka Avenue interchange currently in Main Roads 10-year asset investment program?
- (2) Is the southern on-ramp for Manning Road onto Kwinana Freeway currently in Main Roads 10-year asset investment program?
- (3) What is the current estimated cost of each of these projects?
- (4) If no to (1) or (2), has the state government given a commitment to anyone that construction of either of these projects will commence within the next three years?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) Main Roads has an internal draft 10-year asset investment program; however, it is indicative only and has no formal status with regard to funding or government priorities, and is subject to constant amendment. It is also dependent on future revenue levels from the state and commonwealth governments, which are unknown beyond the forward estimates period.

With regard to the two projects mentioned, the Reid Highway – Mirrabooka Avenue project is included in the draft document. The Manning Road on-ramp is not included at this stage.

- (3) The preliminary estimate of the Reid Highway – Mirrabooka Avenue interchange is \$45 million. That is based on an accepted contract price the government has for another project just up the road. The preliminary estimate for the Manning Road on-ramp is \$20 million.
- (4) The state government has not given any commitment on these projects. However, I am pleased to acknowledge that the federal coalition has announced that, if elected to government, it will provide a contribution of \$10 million each for both projects. I understand that no matching undertaking has been given by the federal Labor Party. Such a contribution would assist the state to deliver the works earlier than would otherwise be the case. In this regard, I would like to acknowledge the significant efforts of the federal member for Stirling, Mr Michael Keenan, and the federal member for Swan, Mr Steve Irons, in promoting the need for these important projects for the benefit of our community.