

ROE HIGHWAY — STREET LIGHTS

2909. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

- (1) Can the Minister advise why only every second street light on the Roe Highway is turned on at night?
- (2) When will full lighting be restored?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) Main Roads implemented a trial known as the "brown out" in response to the Government's call to reduce power consumption resulting from the gas explosion at Varanus Island in June 2008. Part of this trial included a reduction in lighting along Roe Highway, as well as a number of other major roads in the metropolitan area. The reduction specifically excluded lighting at intersections and merge areas.
- (2) Significant environmental and financial savings have been realised during the trial and this has led to its extension to allow further evaluation. Carbon emissions reduction alone is estimated to be in the order of 3,000 tonnes per year.

Crash statistics for the road network were compiled over the initial 12 month period of the trial and were shown to remain stable. A formal review of the second 12 month period is underway and once completed, a report will be prepared to allow consideration of a possible review of Main Roads' street lighting policy. A decision is likely to be made at the end of 2010.

- (3) Not applicable.