



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**Main Roads Western Australia**

**Hon Simon O'Brien asked:**

C4. What is the history of road maintenance funding since 2014/15?

Answer:

The Budget allocations for road maintenance in each financial year were as follows:

2014-15	\$313,689,000
2015-16	\$313,245,000
2016-17	\$343,046,000
2017-18	\$438,460,000
2018-19	\$440,460,000

C5. What is the rationale for constructing the High Street Upgrade from Carrington Street to Stirling Highway given the existing congestion on Leach Highway east of Carrington Street?

Answer:

As the member would be aware, there is a difference between High Street from Carrington Street to Stirling Highway, and Leach Highway. The high number of property driveways and local roads connecting to High Street, combined with the restricted capacity of two lanes, results in stop-start conditions, long queues and a high number of rear end and right angle crashes. There have also been incidences of trucks rolling over when negotiating the turn at the Stirling Highway intersection. The Minister suspects that this is why the former Liberal-National Government committed to this project in the 2009-10 State Budget, whilst the member was the Minister for Transport.

The section of Leach Highway east of Carrington Street differs from High Street as it has increased capacity, three traffic lanes in each direction, limited local road connections and fewer residential driveways.

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