

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Thursday, 25 May 2017

29. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to the newspaper article titled, *Funds plea to fix bad road*, which appeared on page 3 of the *Kalgoorlie Miner*, dated Tuesday, 25 April 2017, concerning very bad road conditions on the Kurnalpi Pinjin Road, and ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of the dangerous and deteriorating condition of the Kurnalpi Pinjin Road;
- (b) what, if anything, has been done to improve the condition of the road;
- (c) will the Government seriously consider allocating financial funds through Royalties for Regions or some other funding to improve the safety and operating conditions of the Kurnalpi Pinjin Road;
- (d) if no to (c), why not; and
- (e) if yes to (c), will the Minister please outline the Government's plans and funding commitments to improve the safety and condition of the Kurnalpi Pinjin Road?

Answer

a. Yes.

b. Local governments (City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Shire of Menzies) are responsible for maintaining the Kurnalpi-Pinjin road.

At the time of the Kalgoorlie Miner article, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder was undertaking gravel resheeting on the road (\$420,000 funded by State Government Regional Road Group funding). These works have now been completed.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder is undertaking a crest lowering program (\$500,000), funded by AngloGold Ashanti, the operators of the Tropicana Goldmine who are the main users of the road.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder also has an ongoing maintenance program for the road, grading the 132km long road four times a year at a cost of approximately \$160,000 per year. CKB have maintained this level of funding for the last three years.

c - e. As the Member is aware, the State debt is projected to grow some \$4billion, and prospects of funding new projects in the near future is very limited.

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