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QUESTION: Budget Estimate

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CHAIR: But I specifically asked you about the three-kilometre stretch at Terrigal Drive that has not been done. When will that start?

The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON: As you can see, there is a range of road works that is being carried out, and there is only so much you can do within specific time frames and availability of plant equipment and the like. With regard to when that will commence, I will take it on notice and get an answer.

Answer:

The NSW Government has allocated \$25 million to upgrade Terrigal Drive to improve traffic efficiency and safety.

An allocation of \$6 million was made in the 2010-11 State budget to continue planning and to make improvements along Terrigal Drive. The traffic and safety upgrades planned for Terrigal Drive are outlined in the 'Central Coast Better Roads' brochure that was released to the community in September 2010.

I am advised that two of the projects were completed earlier this year. A bus bay and pedestrian refuge were built near Havenview Road and part signalisation of the roundabout at Tarragal Glen Avenue/Chetwynd Road (Erina Fair access) was completed.

I understand that upgrade program includes construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Bellbird Avenue and Terrigal Drive. Work is scheduled to start in October 2010.

Further work will also be carried out at the intersections of Jessie Hurley Drive, Portsmouth Road and Charles Kay Drive with Terrigal Drive. I am further advised that the Roads and Traffic Authority will consult with the community to develop options to improve these intersections.

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CHAIR: With respect to the Pacific Highway on the Central Coast you mentioned some work having been completed to upgrade that to dual carriageway. Will that be completed along the Central Coast section of the Pacific Highway soon?

The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON: I have recently been involved in some discussions with the member for The Entrance and the Roads and Traffic Authority about additional road works on the Pacific Highway. There is a program of work to be carried out progressively in sections along the Pacific Highway, and I was in those discussions. I cannot recollect off the top of my head where that section was but I can certainly get you that information.

CHAIR: Could you provide that project on the list? That would be helpful.

The Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON: Yes.

Answer:

I am advised that a number of sections of the Pacific Highway are being upgraded on the Central Coast. Major works completed include:

- 1.8 kilometres of four lane roadway between Johnson Road and Anzac Road at Tuggerah at a cost of \$42 million, which was completed in October 2009.
- 1.8 kilometres of four lane roadway on the Pacific Highway between the F3 freeway and Glen Road at Ourimbah, including the intersection of Dog Trap Road. At a cost of \$67 million, this was completed in January 2010.

The benefits of these projects include improved travel times and safety at intersections, reduced delays and enhanced bus, cyclist and pedestrian facilities.

I understand that a study of options for the future upgrade of the Pacific Highway at Wyong has also been completed.

Community consultation and technical investigations have identified widening the existing carriageway as the preferred upgrade. An allocation of \$1.4 million has been made this financial year for further planning.

I am further advised that the additional works being carried out on the Pacific Highway in 2010-11 include:

- A \$4 million project to widen the Pacific Highway to two lanes in each direction between Costa Avenue and Gooramba Avenue at San Remo.
- Safety works will also be carried out to install guardrail safety barriers on the Pacific Highway between the Hawkesbury River and Wisemans Ferry Road. An allocation of \$300,000 has been made in 2010-11 for this work.
- Planning is also continuing for the upgrade of the Pacific Highway between Ourimbah and Narara. The environmental assessment for Stage 3 will be displayed later this year and route options are being considered for Stage 4. An allocation of \$4 million has been made to each project in 2010-11 to progress project planning.



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