

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Petitions
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Petitions Committee Public Hearing 25 February 2009
Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Question No. DITRLG-pc 01

Division/Agency: Nation Building Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Feasibility Study of Rail Options for Adelaide

Hansard Page: PET 12 (25/02/09)

CHAIR asked:

Just to give the doctor enough time to read the ministerial response, I will ask a question on the feasibility study of rail options for Adelaide. How often are feasibility studies on various types of rail use conducted?

Answer:

Future rail feasibility studies in Adelaide are determined on an as required basis by the South Australian Government.

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Question No.: DITRLG-pc 02

Division/Agency: Nation Building Infrastructure Investment
Topic: Draft Report on the Analysis of the East-West Rail Freight
Hansard Page: PET 13 (24/02/09)

Dr SOUTHCOTT asked:

Have the draft report on the analysis of the east-west rail freight task along the Melbourne to Adelaide and Adelaide to Perth corridors, and the detailed assessment of the current rail alignment from Murray Bridge to Adelaide been completed?

Answer:

Draft reports have been provided to the Department and will be circulated to the Project Reference Group shortly.

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Question No.: DITRLG-pc 03

Division/Agency: Nation Building Infrastructure Investment

Topic: \$24 million towards Road Improvements along Bucketts Way

Hansard Page: PET 16 (25/02/09)

Mr CHESTER asked:

On the same theme: was that intended as part of a staged process where the \$20 million would get a certain amount of projects done as part of a five- or 10-year plan to upgrade the road? Is there an ongoing process planned for the improvements of this road, or was this only ever intended as a \$22-million-dollar project?

Answer:

\$20 million was paid in as part of the former Roads of National Importance Program. The project was staged over 4 years (completed in 2007) to complete approximately 32 sub projects to assist with the upgrading of the road. There are no plans in place from the Australian Government for the continuous improvement of the road.

A further \$2 million, which brings the total allocation on Bucketts Way to \$22 million, has been allocated to 3 projects along Bucketts Way under the Strategic Regional Program. Two projects are complete with the last one due for completion in June 2009.

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Question No. DITRLG-pc 04

Division/Agency: Nation Building Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Improvements to Buckets Way

Hansard Page: PET 16 (25/02/09)

CHAIR asked:

Can you advise us of some of the improvements that have been made to Bucketts Way?

Answer:

The \$20 million in funding was for widening and road rehabilitation totalling approximately 41.5 km well as three bridge replacements.

The 3 projects totalling \$2 million under the Strategic Regional Program are:

- Replacing Broad Gully Bridge – due for completion in June 2009;
- Road Rehabilitation Deep Creek – complete; and
- Widening and Road Rehabilitation Krumbach – complete.

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Question No.: DITRLG-pc 05

Division/Agency: Nation Building Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Federal Rail Infrastructure Expenditure

Hansard Page: PET 16 (25/02/09)

Mr SIMPKINS asked:

My question is broader than that. Can you provide us with figures on federal rail infrastructure expenditure over the last 15 years?

Answer:

<i>Year</i>	1993/1994	1994/1995	1995/1996	1996/1997	1997/1998
<i>Million</i>	58.881	39.696	23.423	6.100	7.037
<i>Year</i>	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003
<i>Million</i>	16.661	58.965	122.950	113.748	16.254
<i>Year</i>	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
<i>Million</i>	593.230	172.063	302.472	52.056	185.676