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[excerpt]

Leslie Road-Huon Highway Intersection

**Ms WEBB question to MINISTER for INFRASTRUCTURE and TRANSPORT,
Mr VINCENT**

[2.38 p.m.]

My question follows up on the matter that I raised yesterday regarding the safety upgrades of the Leslie Road intersection with the Huon Highway. I thank you for the information provided yesterday.

However, in light of the factors, per your confirmation yesterday, there's no contract with the design team and that work's under way up until December. My question now goes to securing the ongoing necessary funding for the intersection upgrade beyond the design work stage of things. Noting that in Table 7.5 of the 2025-26 Budget Paper, No. 1, it indicates the Huon Highway corridor will receive federal funding commencing in the 2026-27 financial year.

Minister, will the Huon Highway-Leslie Road intersection project receive any of that federal funding allocation that's there in the budget papers? If so, is the project expected to be fully funded by federal money or will there be state financial contribution to it, or is any potential consultancy following the design work expected to be the state's contribution, with the subsequent actual remedial work being done expected to be federally funded through that other funding?

ANSWER

Mr President, I will just clarify a couple of points on that.

The funding is for the corridor, so it has the flexibility of putting forward and moving things up, just like the Grove intersection, though a smaller project, we were able to move the money around with negotiating transfer of letters. We are hoping after yesterday's question on following through over the next couple of weeks, the final parts, and the original work will be done. We hope to have a contractor for the design in place by the end of April. The funding is 80/20 for that corridor on a shared basis. The discussions have already started about moving it for different projects that are nominated on there. Usually, when we do a corridor study, it highlights a lot more pressure points on a corridor, whether they be safety or traffic related or growth related, then they pick the ones that they feel are most serious at the time. As we've seen on a few other corridors around the state with negotiations with councils or when the accident rate changes in an area, we do flex that a fair bit and this is one of those cases where Leslie Vale has been brought forward and it's funded through that process.

Ms Webb - Thanks for the information.

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