

13 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks gave notice on 23 September of the following questions:

1. ***The 65km Hillside-Marble Bar Road from Mt Webber to Marble Bar is a two hour journey in a four wheel drive. Why is the road in such poor condition and is not maintained?***

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

This road is graded once per year, as per current funded level of service.

2. ***Why is the maintenance on the 65km gravel section of the Hillside-Marble Bar Road not scheduled until the end of the dry season?***

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

Maintenance grading will commence on this road in approximately three weeks. The Shire will consider bring forward maintenance to earlier in the season.

3. ***The Nullagine Road is dangerous when traversed at any speed. To the best of my knowledge one person has been hospitalised – indeed comatosed – as a result of the poor condition of this road. Light vehicles driven in the pursuit of mining activities pay no heed to driving to road conditions. Has the Shire of East Pilbara advocated that Main Roads WA maintain the Nullagine Road between Nullagine and Roy Hill in a satisfactory state prior to its upgrade?***

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director Organisation Development provided the following response:

The Shire continues to have discussions with Main Roads WA, and has sought information on the current road maintenance program for the Roy Hill – Nullagine section of the Marble Bar Road; including information on when works to seal this section of the road will commence. Advice will be forwarded to Council when it is provided by Main Roads WA.

4. ***Is the Warrawagine Road through to the intersection of the Rippon Hills Road still a gazetted Shire road?***

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

Yes, and it is graded once per year as per the current funded level of service.

5. ***Has the Shire advocated for funding for the sealing of the Boreline Road? If so what time-frame? If not, why not?***

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

Initial estimates for the sealing of the Boreline Road, which would include reconstruction of the sub-grade and base exceed \$100 million. Advocacy efforts have concentrated on improvements to roads in and around Marble Bar, as prioritised by Council.

6. ***How is the maintenance of the desert roads funded?***

The Director Corporate Services provided the following response:

Jointly between Main Roads WA, the Federal Government and Shire.

7. ***Who performs the maintenance on the desert roads?***

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

Shire staff using Shire plant undertake this maintenance and is ongoing. In addition, contractors will be conducting gravel re-sheets in this area shortly.