

Question on Notice

No. 368

Asked on 18 April 2023

MR S MINNIKIN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to answer to Question on Notice No. 606 asked on 13 May 2021—

Will the Minister advise why the V1 bridge at O'Keefe Street was not completed at the end of 2022?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

The tenders received were greater than the original project budget, due to cost pressures from increased material costs and supply chain issues resulting from record inflation left by the Morrison Government. As a result, an increase to the project funding was required and delayed the awarding of the contract. Main construction works commenced in late 2022 and are expected to be completed in late 2023, conditions and weather permitting.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$3.858 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' Metropolitan Region/District, estimated to support an average of 3280 direct jobs over the life of the program.