

Question on Notice

No. 1079

Asked on 28 September 2004

MRS MILLER asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas)—

QUESTION:

What was the final cost of the replacement of the rail bridge at Bundamba and how many people worked on this project?

ANSWER:

I would like to thank the Honourable Member for her question, and her continued interest in the rail network in the Metropolitan area. The Reconstruction of the Byrne Street Bridge at Bundamba is part of a program to replace the last nine timber railway bridges in the Brisbane suburban area. This is the fourth bridge to be replaced as part of this project.

The construction contract was awarded to a local contractor Moggill Construction Pty. Ltd. the works commenced in March 2003 and was completed in August 2004. Total cost of the project was \$3.4 million with Moggill Constructions undertaking the bridge and road works worth \$2.3 million. Queensland Rail's role was the design, supervision and the provision of track work. The construction works were completed on time and on budget. Overall the project is estimated to have contributed to maintaining local employment during the construction period of around 7 jobs.

The investment in the Byrne street Bridge has improved its strength and reliability to handle the future growth of rail traffic on this corridor. During the 2003/04 financial year 48,666 trains ran over the Byrne St Bridge (approximately 133 trains per day). These belonged to Citytrain, Coal and Freight trains and the Traveltrain to Charleville. The total gross tonnes traversing the bridge were 15,602,000t in 2003/04 and with the investments in the infrastructure the role of rail will continue to play a major role in the Metropolitan network.