

Question on Notice

No. 1110

Asked on 29 September 2004

MR LEE asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

"What is the total funding for the Department of Transport's State Cycle Unit?"

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Indooroopilly for his question and for his continued interest in cycling.

Queensland Transport's Land Transport and Safety Division has been allocated a budget of over \$644,000 this financial year to implement key actions of the *Queensland Cycle Strategy* and the *Action Plan for Pedestrians 2004-2006*.

The Beattie Government values cycling for the important contribution it makes to the development of a sustainable and effective transport system. Cycling also has benefits for individuals and society by improving health and fitness, and as a means of supporting social equity, the environment, sport and recreation, and tourism. These values and benefits are demonstrated by my portfolio's contribution of over \$60,000 this year towards the Cycle Queensland nine day supported bike ride from Miriam Vale to Kilkivan. This event was ably conducted by Bicycle Queensland and involved over 850 riders and 100 support staff and injected valuable tourist dollars into the regional areas that it travelled through.

In addition, my portfolio contributes over \$40,000 a year to Bicycle Queensland for Bike Week events including the Ride to Work Day, Ride to Schools Challenge and the The Great Brisbane Bike Ride. These events celebrate and promote the transport, health and social benefits of cycling.

The *Queensland Cycle Strategy* was endorsed in September 2003 and aims to make Queensland a State where riding a bike is safe and convenient, and where choosing to cycle is respected, supported and encouraged by all areas of government and the community.

Progress on implementation of the actions contained in the strategy are reported quarterly to the State Cycle Committee and will be reported annually to Cabinet.