

Question on Notice

No. 1369

Asked on 1 November 2006

MR JOHNSON asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the 'Fact Sheet' published by Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd which outlines the need for realignment and replacement of state roads affected by the Traveston Crossing Dam project.

Will he provide details of (a) preliminary cost estimates; project timeframes and funding source for each of the Mary Valley road network changes listed in the 'Fact Sheet' and (b) the number of properties directly affected by the realignment of the new roads?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gregory for the question.

(a) Cost estimates for the roads affected by the Traveston Crossing Dam have not been completed.

Roadworks required as a result of the dam will be finished by the end of 2011.

The State Government through the Department of Main Roads has been working for some considerable time with the Federal Government on the Cooroy-Curra Bruce Highway realignment study. As the member knows, funding for upgrading work on the Bruce Highway is a Federal Government responsibility.

As Main Roads progresses the planning for the highway, including the section around the Traveston Crossing Dam, the department will continue to talk with the Federal Government about its funding responsibility.

The State Government has committed to undertaking the necessary works for all other road relocations required as a result of the dam.

(b) Main Roads has recently announced a refined study area for the Bruce Highway alignment around the dam. Much of that area is within the buffer zone for the dam so most of the properties required for the road will also be needed for the dam. The exact highway road alignment within the refined study area has not been determined. Main Roads has established local community reference groups to help ensure landowners are kept up to date and to provide the best possible opportunity for input to the planning of the highway. This planning is currently underway and the proposed highway alignment will be presented to landowners early in the 2007.

Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd (QWI) is co-ordinating the planning for all other road realignments for the dam. At this stage planning is only preliminary and, therefore, refinements of the alignments will become known as on site inspections are undertaken.