

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1031**

**Asked on 6 June 2008**

MS NOLAN asked the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (MR PITT) -

### **QUESTION:**

Will he provide advice on progress with construction of the Centenary Highway extension from Springfield to Yamanto?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Ipswich for the question.

The Centenary Highway Extension is a \$366 million road project fully funded by the Queensland Government, which aims to provide a road system to service Springfield, Ripley and Yamanto town centres well into the future.

The Bligh Government is building tomorrow's Queensland today, providing an important piece of infrastructure in the western corridor, ahead of demand

We are committed to road and transport development in the Western Corridor with Main Roads working ahead of the demand on infrastructure to meet the future needs of the growing communities of Springfield and Ripley Valley.

The Centenary Highway Extension project is being delivered in three construction packages:

- Springfield to Ripley
- Ripley to South Deebling
- South Deebling to Yamanto

Work is progressing well with all three sections of the project now under simultaneous construction. The project is on track to be open to traffic on time in June 2009 and on budget.

Construction of the 10 kilometre section from Springfield to Ripley by Leighton Contractors Pty Limited is progressing well. All five bridges are complete on this package, and so are the earthworks and drainage. With the asphalt pavements almost complete, the focus has turned to completing the guardrail, line-marking and landscaping. This part of the project is well ahead of time, and should be opening by mid-2009.

The contract to construct the five kilometre section between Ripley and South Deebling was awarded to Leighton Contractors Pty Limited in late November 2007. Construction began almost immediately with fencing, vegetation clearing, bulk earthworks, and major drainage structures now complete. The current focus is now on constructing pavements and landscaping.

The section from South Deebing to Yamanto was awarded to Fulton Hogan Pty Ltd in August 2007. The bulk earthworks are nearing completion and a new bridge over Kerners Road is complete. Work has commenced on the widening of the existing Cunningham Highway bridge and pavements are being laid for the new east bound on-ramp and west bound off-ramp to the Ipswich-Boonah Road. Construction is progressing on the major new bridge over the Cunningham Highway which forms part of the new interchange at Yamanto and will carry traffic from Ipswich-Boonah Road and the Cunningham Highway onto the new Centenary Highway Extension.

When completed, the Centenary Highway extension project will provide a link from Springfield to Yamanto and connect the Centenary Highway through the future growth areas of Ripley, Swanbank and South Deebing to the Cunningham Highway.

This year \$49.7 million is allocated to the project from the record \$3.235 billion spending on road infrastructure across Queensland. The record funding means that more than \$60 million will be spent on building and preserving Queensland roads each week throughout 2008-09.

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