

Question on Notice

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MRS Miller asked the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (MR PITT) -

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on construction of the extension of the Centenary Highway from Springfield to Yamanto?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bundamba for the question.

The work on the \$366 million Centenary Highway Extension is progressing very well and 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 is progressing well. Earthworks and drainage are complete. Significant shotcreting works are underway in some of the major cuttings to provide long term protection from weathering. All bridge foundations and substructures are now complete and with deck construction now nearing completion, the focus has turned to completing the asphalt pavement, guardrail, line-marking and landscaping.

The contract to construct the five kilometre section between Ripley and South Deebing was awarded to Leighton Contractors Pty Limited in late November 2007. Construction began almost immediately with fencing and clearing of vegetation which are both now nearly complete. The earthworks and major drainage structures are now in full swing.

In the section from South Deebing to Yamanto the bulk earthworks are progressing well despite the wet weather during summer. Construction of the new bridge over Kerners Road is nearly complete and work is progressing quickly on the new off-ramp to the Ipswich-Boonah Road. A temporary diversion of the west bound lane of the Cunningham Highway which will use part of this new ramp should be implemented by mid 2008. Once in place, work will begin on the widening of the existing Cunningham Highway Bridge over Kerners Road. Construction is progressing quickly on the major bridge over the Cunningham Highway. This bridge 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 this 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.