

Question on Notice

No. 1434

Asked on Wednesday 7 October 2009

MR SEENEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

How much has been spent on maintenance of the Burnett Highway between Biloela and Goomeri over the last three years, who expended the funds and what have the funds been expended on?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Callide for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads uses three categories to describe road maintenance activities - routine maintenance, programmed maintenance and road rehabilitation.

Routine maintenance covers the upkeep of roads, maintenance of the road shoulder and sub-grade, maintenance of side drains and other ancillary works, repair of pot holes and localised failures.

Programmed maintenance covers activities similar to that for routine maintenance, but scheduled within a program of projects for delivery. Examples of programmed maintenance are: bitumen reseals, gravel re-sheeting of unsealed road, thin asphalt overlay, replacement of defective bridge members, painting steel bridges.

Rehabilitation is performed primarily to provide better ride, and to improve the structural adequacy of the road pavement.

Rehabilitation works include reworking or strengthening of road pavement, asphalt overlay of greater than 75 mm depth, bridge refurbishment to original condition and re-decking timber bridges.

Details of funds allocated to complete the three types of maintenance on the Burnett Highway between Biloela and Goomeri are provided below.

Year	Programmed Maintenance	Routine Maintenance	Rehabilitation	Total
2006-2007	\$208,000.00	\$1,717,000.00	\$601,000.00	\$2,526,000.00
2007-2008	\$648,000.00	\$1,435,000.00	\$1,141,000.00	\$3,224,000.00
2008-2009	\$327,000.00	\$1,805,000.00		\$2,132,000.00

Maintenance work on the state controlled roads is performed by the Road Maintenance Performance Contractors, in most instances this is the local government authority. Details of who expended the maintenance funds on the Burnett Highway between Biloela and Goomeri are provided below.

Road Maintenance Performance Contractor	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Mundubbera Shire Council	\$22,000.00	\$26,000.00	
Eidsvold Shire Council	\$273,000.00	\$74,000.00	
Kilkivan Shire Council	\$154,000.00	\$119,000.00	
Monto Shire Council	\$309,000.00	\$1,375,000.00	
Gayndah Shire Council	\$288,000.00	\$242,000.00	
North Burnett Regional Council			\$541,000.00
Gympie Regional Council			\$116,000.00
Banana Shire Council	\$349,000.00	\$262,000.00	\$250,000.00
RoadTek	\$1,131,000.00	\$1,126,000.00	\$1,225,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,526,000.00	\$3,224,000.00	\$2,132,000.00

In addition to the maintenance funding, since 2007 the department has spent \$18 million on road improvement projects between Biloela and Goomeri. This project funding has consequently reduced the amount of money spent on maintenance works on this section of the Burnett Highway.