

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1822**

**Asked on Thursday 12 November 2009**

**MS STONE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister explain the cleaning of litter and debris program from the M1?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Springwood for the question.

The removal of litter and debris requires significant resources, including people, vehicles and safety equipment. In 2008/2009, the South Coast region spent more than \$822,000 removing this litter and debris along the M1 between Springwood and Tugun.

About 1500 cubic metres of litter was removed from the M1 last financial year and maintenance crews have indicated the amount of litter is increasing significantly every year.

Currently, litter along high traffic volume roads, such as the M1 is scheduled for removal on a quarterly basis and only at night to avoid traffic disruption and danger to the workers.

In addition to this, litter pickups are also undertaken during other maintenance activities, such as mowing and road repairs to minimise disruption to motorists and large debris such as planks of wood, tyres and other debris from unsecured loads are removed from the roadside on a monthly basis.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads takes its responsibility for clearing litter from road sides very seriously and allocates resources for this work appropriately within the constraints of managing its budget and delivering its road construction and maintenance program.