

Question on Notice

No. 1961

Asked on Wednesday 6 October 2010

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Main Roads planning and projects—

- (1) How much money has been spent on Main Roads planning in 2008-09, 2009-10 and is budgeted for 2010-11?
- (2) What is the value for money framework used to assess value of each planning project?
- (3) How many of the Main Roads projects in SEQIPP have a P-rating and/or business case completed (listed by project)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

In response to your three questions, I advise the following:

1. I draw your attention to the creation of one Transport and Main Roads department in 2009. For the previous two financial years:
 - the 2008/2009 actual spend by the former Main Roads was \$97.8 million
 - the 2009/2010 actual spend on former Main Roads projects was \$89.2 million.
 - in 2010/2011, the department consolidated the former departments' (Queensland Transport and Main Roads) strategic transport planning studies and investigations into one program of works with a budget of \$148.3 million including \$58 million as part of the Integrated Transport Planning.
2. The framework used to assess the value of each project is the Queensland Government Project Assurance Framework (PAF). The PAF is a whole-of-government project assessment process and is the foundation for ensuring that project management is undertaken effectively across Queensland Government agencies. It aims to deliver value for money from the significant investment in infrastructure projects. It establishes a common approach to assessing projects at critical stages in their lifecycle. It aims to maximise the benefits returned to government from project investments.

The PAF provides project methodologies and tools to support agencies with the development of strategic assessments, business cases (including how to assess broader economic implications), funding frameworks, procurement processes, project knowledge management, benefits realisation and risk management.

3. There are a total of 30 road construction projects in the state-funded *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2010 – 2031* (SEQIPP). Out of these 30 road projects, there are currently 26 either under construction or in the design phase with approved business cases and P90 estimates in place. The remaining projects are not yet in construction phase, and are therefore still in the business case development stage. Those projects with approved business cases and P90 estimates are as follows:
 - Airport Link
 - Brisbane Urban Corridor intersection upgrades – Mains to Kessels Road interchange
 - Cleveland-Redland Bay Road upgrade

- East-West Arterial upgrade
- Gateway Motorway – Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road to Nudgee Road
- Gateway Motorway – Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road to Pacific Motorway – corridor preservation
- Logan Motorway upgrade – Ipswich Motorway to Pacific Motorway
- Mt Lindesay Highway – Green Road to Jimboomba – Rosia Road to Chambers Flat Road
- Pacific Motorway – Springwood South to Daisy Hill
- Port of Brisbane Motorway – Lindum Street to Prichard Street
- Centenary Highway – Ipswich Motorway to Logan Motorway
- Gatton-Esk Road upgrade
- Ipswich Motorway upgrade – Dinmore to Goodna
- Ipswich Motorway upgrade – Progress Road interchange
- Ipswich Motorway upgrade – Wacol to Darra
- Warrego Highway-Brisbane Valley Highway interchange
- Warrego Highway – Ipswich to Gatton – safety improvements
- Gold Coast Highway – Government Road to Stevens Road
- Hope Island Road – Pacific Motorway to Columbus Drive
- Pacific Motorway – Nerang to Varsity Lakes
- Pacific Motorway – Nerang to Stewart Road
- Pacific Motorway – Coomera interchange
- Bruce Highway – Cooroy to Gympie – Sankeys Road to Traveston Road
- Bruce Highway – Cooroy to Gympie – Cooroy to Sankeys Road and Traveston Road to Keefton Road
- East-West links – Steve Irwin Way upgrade
- Maroochydoore Road – Bruce Highway to Martins Creek