

Question on Notice

No. 1067

Asked on Friday, 17 June 2011

DR FLEGG asked the Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries and Marine Infrastructure (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail for the past five years all State Government road projects that involved construction of a road on a greenfields site, that is, utilising an existing corridor or resumed land (as opposed to augmentation works on existing roads) that have been undertaken in the greater Brisbane area (listing each project by name, the nature of the project, the distance in kilometres of the new road and the total cost for construction for all projects commenced or completed over the past five years)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Moggill for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has completed several road projects using greenfields sites in the greater Brisbane area in the past five years.

- The Gateway Upgrade Project is the largest bridge and road infrastructure project in Queensland's history. In early 2005, the Queensland Government announced approval and funding for the project to duplicate the Gateway Bridge and upgrade 20kms of the Gateway Motorway from Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road to Nudgee Road. The \$1.88b upgrade includes the construction of a new Gateway Motorway deviation providing faster travel times and enhanced access to Brisbane Airport. The project also includes additional motorway lanes and improved connections to the motorway from Wynnum Road, Lytton Road, the Port of Brisbane Motorway and Kingsford Smith Drive. These new lanes and deviations are built on a greenfields site. Construction of the Gateway Upgrade Project began in late 2006 with works starting on the Wynnum Road upgrade. The project will be completed in mid-2011.
- The \$366m state-funded Centenary Highway Extension is an 18km extension of the Centenary Highway from Springfield to join the Cunningham Highway at Yamanto. The extension supports future growth in the greater Ipswich region and is the primary transport corridor for southern Ipswich, including Springfield, the Ripley Valley and the expanding Swanbank industrial area. The extension was opened in June 2009.
- \$579m has been allocated for the extension of sections of the Northern Busway from the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital at Windsor to Kedron. Construction began in October 2008 and is due for completion in 2012.
- The department is constructing the \$465.8m Eastern Busway from the South East Busway at Buranda to Main Avenue at Coorparoo with elevated structures, tunnels and two new busway stations. The project commenced in August 2009 and is nearing completion.

- The \$43m Boundary Road project, jointly funded with local government, saw the construction of a new two lane underpass between Kelliher Road and Garden Road at Richlands. The project was completed by 2008.
- The \$333m Inner Northern Busway saw the development of a dedicated permanent Busway link between the Queen Street bus station and the junction of Countess Street and Roma Street. Completed eight months ahead of schedule in May 2008, the project added an extra 1.2kms of busway to the network.
- In the 2010-11 financial year, the department completed the construction of a 1km extension to Smith Road in Redbank to provide access to the local community. This project was completed as part of the Western Corridor projects at a total cost of about \$15m and upon completion was returned to Ipswich City Council.