

Question on Notice

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Asked on Thursday, 12 May 2011

MR SHINE asked the Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries and Marine Infrastructure (MR WALLACE) -

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what provision was made in the 2011 Federal Budget for work to be carried out on the Warrego Highway?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Toowoomba North for the question.

During the 2010 federal election, \$2 billion in new funding was committed to Queensland from the Regional Infrastructure Fund over the next 10 years. The funding allocated in the 2011 Federal Budget formalises the Australian Government's commitments under the Regional Infrastructure Fund for six Queensland projects.

The Australian Government's commitment of \$54 million under the Regional Infrastructure Fund towards the Blacksoil interchange project on the Warrego Highway at the Brisbane Valley Highway was confirmed in the 2011 Federal Budget announcements.

The federal budget allocated \$20 million in the 2011-12 financial year for the Blacksoil interchange, with \$24 million in the 2012-13 financial year and \$10 million in the 2013-14 financial year also indicated.

This project has already commenced using the Queensland Government's funding contribution. The allocation of federal funding in the 2011-12 financial year will allow the project to continue.

The federal budget also provided funding in the 2011-12 financial year under the Nation Building Program to continue projects on the Warrego Highway. An allocation of \$15.61 million in the 2011-12 financial year will allow the upgrade between Roma and Mitchell to continue. The Australian Government also allocated \$1.28 million for rest areas on the highway.