

Question on Notice

No. 340

Asked on Thursday, 2 May 2013

MR HOBBS asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR EMERSON)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the dates of the most recent traffic counts for the Warrego Highway from Dalby to Roma and what assessments have been done for passing lanes on the Dalby to Roma section of the highway?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Warrego for the question.

Traffic count data is collected on an ongoing basis. The most recent traffic counts for the Warrego Highway between Dalby and Roma were published in 2012.

The need for overtaking lanes was identified in the *2012 Warrego Highway Upgrade Strategy* which is the Queensland Government's long-term investment strategy to improve the safety, reliability, capacity, transport efficiency and flood immunity on the Warrego Highway over the next 20 years. The strategy identifies short, medium and long-term priorities spanning the length of the Warrego Highway from Brisbane to Charleville.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has included a number of projects in the strategy for this section of the highway (Projects 27 to 41) to provide capacity and access upgrades, proposed bypasses at Dalby and Chinchilla and other infrastructure upgrades.

Project 28 relates specifically to construction of seven overtaking lanes between Dalby and Miles and Projects 36 and 37 provide for general highway improvements including safety initiatives, intersection improvements, overtaking lanes; widening and strengthening pavements and structures, and provision of vehicle stopping and rest areas between Miles and Charleville.