

Question on Notice

No. 525

Asked on Wednesday, 7 August 2013

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Kin Kora roundabout which is the priority for main roads works in Gladstone and unless the work is programmed as a matter of urgency an important opportunity for development and investment in partnership with Stocklands may be lost—

Will the Minister ensure this work is programmed as a matter of urgency?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gladstone for the question.

I can confirm that upgrading the Kin Kora roundabout is the number one priority for the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) in Gladstone.

In April 2013, the \$1.5 million Philip Street intersection planning study was completed and recommended constructing a large four-way signalised intersection capable of managing future traffic growth on both the Dawson Highway and Philip Street. The cost to remove the roundabout and construct the new intersection is estimated at \$25.4 million (\$2013).

In the lead-up to the recent election, the federal Coalition committed \$12.5 million to upgrade the Kin Kora roundabout, based on a matching state funding arrangement, to which the Queensland Government has agreed. With full project funding now committed, TMR will commence detailed planning and design which will be completed in 2014.

The Kin Kora roundabout is not only a heavily trafficked intersection but is also a major corridor for public utilities including gas, electricity, sewerage and telecommunications. All of these essential services need to be relocated prior to commencing construction of the intersection.

I anticipate that construction of the Kin Kora Roundabout upgrade will commence in 2014 and be open to traffic in 2015. The Queensland Government remains committed to delivering the intersection upgrade which will address the issues of congestion and also provide safe and efficient traffic flow into the future.