

Question on Notice

No. 232

Asked on 1 April 2014

MS PALASZCZUK asked the Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience (MR CRISAFULLI) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 12 of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's February 2014 report, which notes that 884km of damaged roads have yet to have reconstruction work commence –

Will the Minister advise, in relation to each of the projects that comprise the 884km of damaged roads yet to be repaired, the (a) project names, (b) locations, (c) costs and (d) scope of works?

ANSWER:

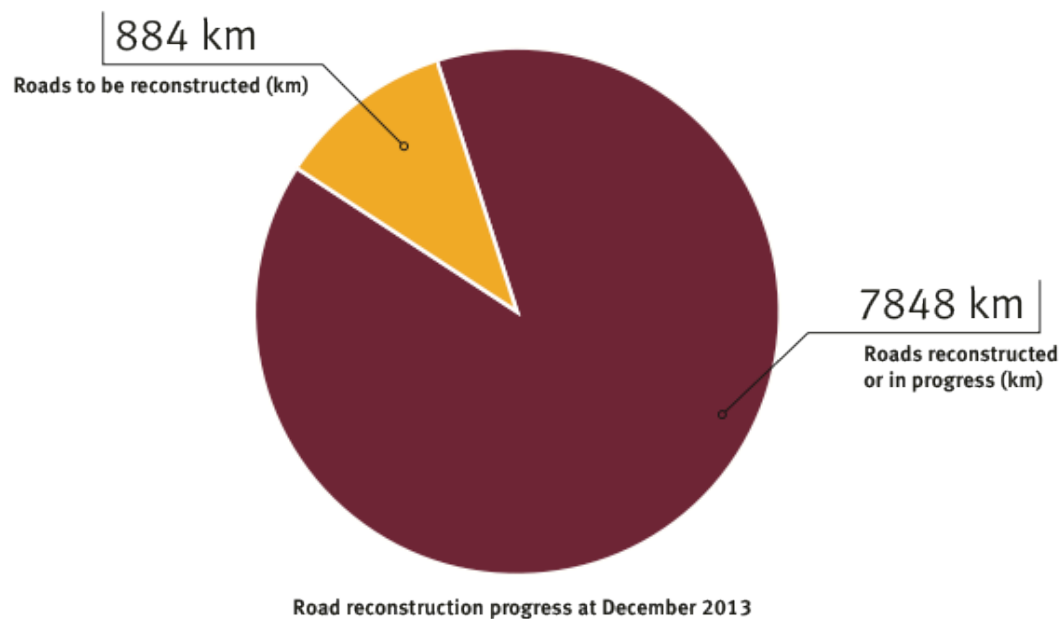
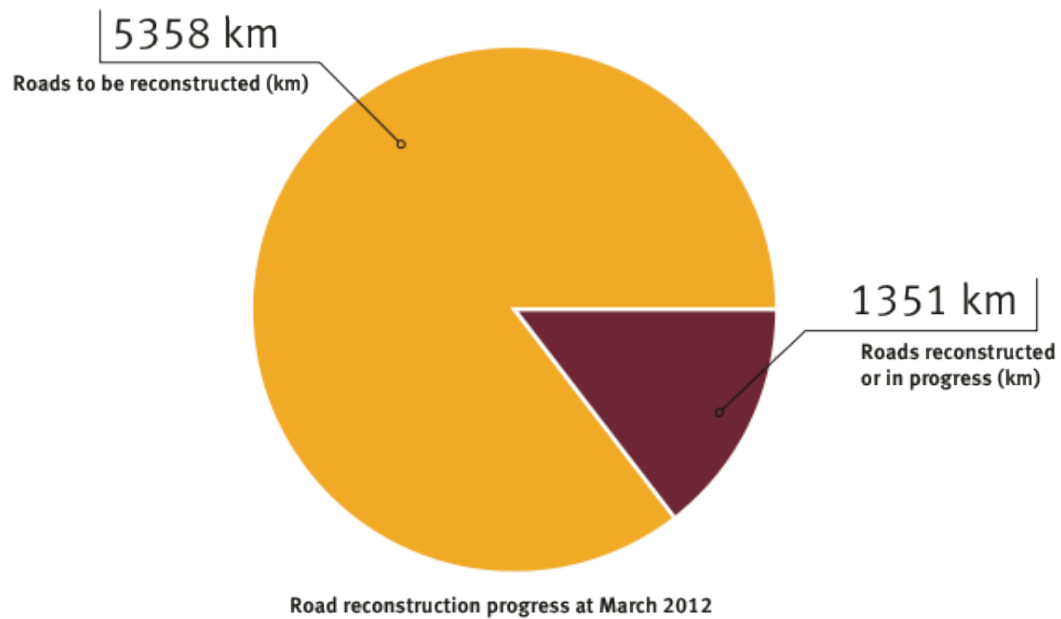
Since coming to office in March 2012, there has been a shift in the way the Government responds and recovers from natural disasters. By working with local councils and other state agencies we have seen recovery timeframes slashed.

In 2011, it took the Bundaberg Regional Council 18 months to get \$25 million worth of repair work to the market. In 2013, it took only four months to get \$40 million worth to market. This is a testament to the relationship that the State and Local Governments now share, and is in stark contrast to the centralist, paternalistic relationship that Labor had with councils across the state.

I note your acknowledgement of the great relationship this Government has developed with councils from last year's estimates hearing: 'Government is about working cooperatively with councils. We have seen how it has worked cooperatively during the floods ...'.

In terms of the reconstruction of state-controlled roads, you can see from the graphs below that the Government has re-energised front-line services in the Department of Transport and Main Roads. This has resulted in the majority of reconstruction work commencing and being completed since March 2012 along with reconstruction work from the 2012 and 2013 events.

The reports published by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority show that Labor was averaging approximately 110 kilometres per month of road reconstruction compared to approximately 270 kilometres per month the Newman Government is currently delivering.



As referenced in the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's monthly reports, the Department of Transport and Main Roads manages the recovery and reconstruction of state-controlled roads. For further information on specific projects, questions should be directed to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads.