

Question on Notice

No. 487

Asked on Thursday, 4 June 2015

MR ELMES asked the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply (HON M BAILEY) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the former Labor Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Paul Lucas, who in 2005 'agreed in principle to fast track the Tewantin Bypass project', stating then that the current traffic volume on Beckmans Road is an average of 13,000 vehicles per day and that Main Roads has made a commitment to work with council to agree on an estimated cost for the proposed bypass and to look for opportunities to secure the necessary funding once an agreement is reached and as ten years have now passed, and Beckmans Road is gridlocked—

Will the Minister advise why this now major arterial road has been identified as unfunded and a low priority, relative to other unfunded projects in the region and across the state?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Noosa for the question.

I am aware that Beckmans Road is a concern for the local community with the current traffic volumes.

My department has commenced a Northern Sunshine Coast Area Planning Study to assess current road capacity, safety issues and traffic growth projections on all state-controlled roads in the study area, including need and options for a bypass of Beckmans Road.

Any decisions about the future of Beckmans Road will be considered in the context of the planning study and I encourage the Member and his constituents to provide input to that process about local priorities.