

## Question on Notice

No. 743

Asked on Tuesday, 15 September 2015

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

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how the Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan seeks to improve the safety of all road users in the Bulimba Electorate and across Queensland, to reduce the State's road toll?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bulimba for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government's road safety strategy and action plan which was launched on 24 August 2015 will improve safety and benefit road users throughout Queensland, including those from the Bulimba electorate while they are using local streets and travelling around our state.

The strategy outlines an ambitious agenda to drive sustainable, ongoing improvements in road safety across Queensland. Under the new strategy, we will:

1. Understand the 'road toll' as hospitalised casualties as well as fatalities, because this more accurately captures the burden our communities bear.
2. Adopt a vision of zero road deaths and serious injuries, supported by interim quantitative targets, to encourage ambitious action from all stakeholders.
3. Embed best practice Safe System principles as the basis for action, and develop solutions based on evidence and innovation.
4. Make road safety everyone's issue and everyone's responsibility, and drive a fundamental change in the culture and attitude to road safety.

The action plan is the first in a series to be implemented under the strategy. It presents a snapshot of the key activities and commitments happening across Queensland to work towards the more ambitious long term vision.

The action plan includes 57 initiatives for implementation by the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland Police Service and stakeholders from industry, community and government. The total spend over two years is more than \$500 million (including \$262 million in Australian Government infrastructure funding). Work will be carried out in the key action areas of: education and engagement; enforcement; technology; roads and roadsides; research, data and innovation; and governance and strategy.

Key initiatives include investigating reforms to motorcycle licensing (such as introducing pre-learner training courses), introducing an app version of the 100-hour learner logbook, installing ten new combined red light and speed cameras and four new point-to-point speed enforcement systems, installing flashing lights in 200 risk assessed school zones and further evaluating the graduated licensing system to investigate improvements to young driver safety.

We will also review penalties and sanctions for high risk offenders, including investigating a tiered or 'escalating' response to manage repeat offenders, for example, from sending information and advice to people who accumulate demerit points, through to removing their licence and case managing repeat offenders.

Work is already underway to implement initiatives in the action plan. These include:

- establishing a Citizen's Taskforce to make recommendations to government about complex road safety issues, such as how incentives could be used to encourage safe driving, including for young people
- running the CO-LAB youth road safety innovation challenge as the first step in broader engagement with our youth. A group of young people met in July and September to start creating innovative solutions to address road safety
- introducing double demerit points for two or more mobile phone offences committed within one year, which commenced in September
- facilitating the early deployment of new vehicle technologies including Co-operative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS) and autonomous vehicles and their application to the safety of pedestrians and bicycle riders
- improving safety for vulnerable road users by making available \$10 million to improve infrastructure safety for bicycle riders and pedestrians and \$27 million over two years for the Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program.

I am also very pleased to confirm that flashing school zones signs have been approved to be installed at Bulimba State School, St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Primary School and Cannon Hill State School this financial year.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to reducing the burden of road trauma on our communities. Nothing is more important than the safety of the people who travel on the state's vast road network, and I thank the member for her commitment to achieving road safety results in the electorate of Bulimba.