

Question on Notice

No. 1534

Asked on Thursday, 1 September 2016

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if any funding has been allocated to duplicate the Jabiru Island Bridges across the forward estimates, and whether any studies have been completed by the department to assess traffic flow across the bridges?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Broadwater for the question.

As was the case under the previous LNP government, no funding has been allocated to duplicate the Jabiru Island Bridges on Hope Island Road. Any upgrade would require significant funding given the requirement to duplicate two bridges that are both around 200 metres long.

Funding for any upgrade would also be subject to competing priorities across the state. That competition has become more challenging as a consequence of more than \$600 million having been cut from transport funding during the term of the previous government, which also spent more than \$30 million of the Department of Transport and Main Roads' budget preparing for asset sales and contestability.

My department will continue to monitor the traffic flow along Hope Island Road including Jabiru Island Bridges to ensure the traffic flow is optimised. No recent formal studies to assess the traffic flow have been undertaken.