

Question on Notice

No. 1624

Asked on Wednesday, 14 September 2016

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

QUESTION:

With reference to recent traffic data released by Brisbane City Council showing a slow in traffic speeds on the outbound of the Centenary Highway—

Will the Minister (a) advise what plans, if any, the government has to tackle traffic congestion on the Centenary Highway and (b) release in full the planning study completed in 2011?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mount Ommaney for the question.

My department is aware of the increasing congestion issues on the Centenary Motorway, and in response to the construction of the Legacy Way tunnel upgraded the Centenary Motorway from Toowong to Moggill Road in 2014.

My department has prepared long and medium term plans for the Centenary Motorway. However short term planning options are also being prepared, such as managed motorway systems, while remaining conscious of the medium term vision.

The Palaszczuk Government has currently allocated \$700,000 for further development of these short and medium term planning options.

This will investigate a stage based delivery to maximise benefits for minimal cost. At this time, the 'non-infrastructure' solutions are measures such as ramp metering of the entrances to the Motorway and improvements to the roundabouts at Toowong. In addition, the potential provision of the Kenmore Bypass connection to the Motorway is being studied in more detail.

There are a range of planning documents relating to the broader Western Brisbane Transport Network Strategy publically available online at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Projects.