

Question on Notice

No. 1650

Asked on Wednesday, 14 September 2016

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

QUESTION:

Will with reference to funding streams available to schools and P&Cs—

Will the Minister advise what funding is available to (a) upgrade parking and drop off and pick up facilities to become compliant with current standards and (b) complete paving infrastructure to implement programs such as the 'bike bus' and 'walking bus'?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Dalrymple for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads does not directly facilitate the delivery of school infrastructure works. However, funds for some suitable projects may be available through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) and the Community Road Safety Grants program.

The Palaszczuk Government provides a \$70 million targeted investment in local government transport infrastructure each year through TIDS, which is coordinated through the Roads and Transport Alliance, under 17 Regional Road and Transport Groups (RRTGs).

Projects eligible for TIDS funding can include:

- local roads of regional significance (that is, higher order local government-controlled roads and lower order state-controlled roads)
- on and off road cycle ways, shared paths and crossing provisions
- the provision/upgrade of road and transport infrastructure that improves the safety of children travelling to and from school
- enhancements to the safety and accessibility of regional airports.

The Palaszczuk Government's Community Road Safety Grant Program facilitates partnerships between government, business and community to target local road safety issues.

The grants have provided more than \$3.5 million to 128 community groups over four funding rounds and recently awarded \$8.4 million in Round 5 to 59 successful recipients over the next three years to implement road safety activities, bicycle education and awareness programs, child restraint resources and training, school safety enhancements, heavy vehicle fatigue initiatives, community road safety education and awareness, road accident injury rehabilitation programs and learner driver mentoring programs for young drivers.

Grant applications are assessed by an independent Selection Committee, chaired by the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety—Queensland (CARRS-Q). The Selection Committee includes representatives from the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland (RACQ), Motor Accident Insurance Commission (MAIC), Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), Queensland Police Service (QPS) and Department of Transport and Main Roads.