

Question on Notice

No. 79

Asked on Wednesday, 15 February 2017

MS F SIMPSON 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 the assessment of traffic delays at the roundabout at the intersection of Yandina-Coolum Road/School Road/South Coolum Road—

Will the Minister advise what traffic counts have been conducted and what solutions have been investigated to ease traffic congestion at this location?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

I am advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) last conducted a traffic count at the intersection of Yandina-Coolum Road/School Road/South Coolum Road in mid-2015.

This roundabout has a low crash rate, however TMR will continue to monitor the performance of the intersection and the surrounding road network.

My department has investigated options for a long-term solution in this area, however funding for any upgrade would 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 Road's budget preparing for asset sales and contestability.