

Question on Notice

No. 623

Asked on Wednesday, 16 May 2018

MR J COSTIGAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)

QUESTION:

With reference to road safety, community connectivity and tourism development in the Whitsunday Electorate—

Will the Minister commit to sealing the unsealed section of the Mt Ossa Seaforth Road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Whitsunday for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is aware of the community's concerns with the unsealed section of Mount Ossa Seaforth Road and I can advise that it has undertaken planning to determine potential upgrade options and costs associated with improving the road.

TMR continually monitors the state-controlled road network to identify and carry out maintenance to provide a safe environment for motorist, pedestrians and cyclists. Mount Ossa Seaforth Road will be monitored for any maintenance works that need to be undertaken.

Any upgrades to Mount Ossa Seaforth Road will compete for funding against other priority infrastructure projects across the state-controlled road network.

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 LNP government – resulting in a shortfall in project planning and delivery that the Palaszczuk Government is still working to repair.