

Question on Notice

No. 757

Asked on Wednesday, 13 June 2018

MRS S WILSON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)

QUESTION:

With reference to the Premier's answer to Question on Notice 232 of 2018, to my question as to whether the Premier will promise to match the LNP's commitment for vital safety upgrades on Beachmere Road, including \$1m for lighting—

Will the Minister outline what measures are being considered to improve road safety on this important local road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Pumicestone for the question.

I am advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) preliminary assessment of Beachmere Road as a strategic road link in the network has found that it is not as high a priority for funding compared with other state-controlled roads.

TMR prioritises all upgrades to ensure funding is allocated to those works identified as being needed the most. When deciding where funding is spent, criteria such as traffic volumes, road geometry, the condition of the road and the crash record are all considered.

TMR regularly reviews its forward program to identify key priorities within available funding for both planning and construction. Any future upgrades on Beachmere Road will be considered as part of this review process. Regular inspections of Beachmere Road will continue to be undertaken to identify any safety hazards, and repair works will be undertaken as necessary.

There is currently no funding available to upgrade Beachmere Road as there are other roads across the state with higher traffic volumes and higher crash history competing for limited available funding.

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.