Question on Notice

No. 863

Asked on Friday, 15 June 2018

MR A POWELL ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)

QUESTION:

With reference to page 127 of Budget Measures (Budget Paper No. 4) and the M1 Pacific Motorway upgrades—

Will the Minister advise the amount of state funding being provided to these two projects (reported separately per project, per year across the forward estimates)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

After not one new dollar was spent on the M1 by the former LNP government (of which the Member was a Cabinet minister), the Palaszczuk Government has committed a total of \$889.5 million (\$479.5 million in the forward estimates period) towards upgrade works along the M1 Pacific Motorway for the Gateway Motorway to Logan Motorway and Nerang to Tugun sections.

The specific projects are:

- Pacific Motorway Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill (\$515 million state funding towards an indicative total project cost of \$1.03 billion). Early works construction planned to commence early 2020
- Pacific Motorway Varsity Lakes to Tugun (\$374.5 million state funding towards an indicative total project cost of \$749 million). Construction scheduled to commence mid–2020.

These projects are listed in *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2018–19 to 2021–22* (page 37) and are related to 2018–19 Budget Paper No. 4 (pages 91 and 127). The table below outlines allocations for these projects in the forward estimates period and beyond.

Investment name	Location description	Indicative total cost \$'000	2018–19 \$'000	2019–20 \$'000	2020–21 to 2021–22 \$'000	2022–23 onwards \$'000
Pacific Motorway	Varsity Lake–Tugun	1,030,000	5,000	15,000	290,000	720,000
	Australian Government funding *	515,000			55,000	460,000
	Queensland Government funding *	515,000	5,000	15,000	235,000	260,000
Pacific Motorway	Eight Mile Plains – Daisy Hill	749,000	17,000	32,500	275,000	424,500
	Australian Government funding *	374,500	10,000	20,000	70,000	274,500
	Queensland Government funding *	374,500	7,000	12,500	205,000	150,000

* Funding arrangements subject to negotiations with the Australian Government.

The Turnbull Government has agreed to contribute 50:50 funding on this project. This is despite the fact that the M1 is a nationally significant road for which the Australian Government should have primary funding responsibility like they did for the very same road just across the border in New South Wales.

It is also disappointing that more than 80 per cent of the funding committed by the Turnbull Government is not even in their budget, it is beyond the forward estimates period, not flowing until after 2022–23.

The Palaszczuk Government could not let Gold Coast commuters and businesses, truckies and parents continue to sit in traffic. This is why more than half of Queensland's M1 funding, of almost \$500 million, will be spent over the next four years.