

Question on Notice

No. 1825

Asked on Tuesday 26 November 2019

MR M HART ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice 1392 of 2018 asked on 17 October 2018 and the dredging of the Currumbin Creek estuary—

Will the Minister advise the total funding (a) allocated for the 5 year period commencing 2019 and (b) allocated and expended (if different) from 2014-19?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

Dredging of Currumbin Creek is undertaken by the City of Gold Coast. The Member should direct his question regarding funding for Currumbin Creek dredging to the City of Gold Coast.

Notwithstanding this, the Queensland Government understands that maintaining access to Gold Coast waterways is vital for the marine, tourism and recreation industries. Gold Coast waterways support 6000 direct and indirect jobs and contribute \$770 million directly and indirectly to the local economy every year.

This is why the Gold Coast Waterways Authority (GCWA) has invested in infrastructure in and around Currumbin Creek to open up this waterway to locals and visitors.

This includes the construction of recreational pontoons at Winders and Preston parks and the refurbishment of the boat ramp in Winders Park—a total investment of \$500,000.

As part of its operational program, GCWA also conducts regular inspections and maintenance of navigation aids in Currumbin Creek and undertakes speed and behaviour monitoring.

Currumbin Creek was also included in the *Assessment of Congestion and Conflicting Use Management of Gold Coast Waterways* released in September 2019 by GCWA.

Also known as the 'Users and Uses' study, this initial assessment will help build a better understanding of movements on the city's waterways network. It will also help GCWA improve planning to accommodate a growing population and rising boat ownership in popular areas, such as Currumbin Creek.