

Question on Notice

No. 952

Asked on Wednesday 12 June 2019

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what funding has been set aside to upgrade the dangerous Beachmere Road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Pumicestone for the question.

I refer the Member to answers to Questions on Notice 557, 757, 1271 and 1406 of 2018.

As previously advised, Beachmere Road provides a local road function linking Beachmere to the Bruce Highway. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) considers criteria such as traffic volumes, road geometry, the condition of the road and crash records in determining relative priorities for investment.

Beachmere Road has relatively low traffic volumes and a low crash history. However, TMR undertakes regular inspections of Beachmere Road to identify any safety hazards and these inspections will continue to be undertaken, with repair works completed, as necessary.

Any upgrades identified for Beachmere Road will be delivered as part of the Palaszczuk Government's Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program. As part of this year's State Budget, the Palaszczuk Government announced a record \$23 billion, over four years, for this program which will deliver significant road improvements across Queensland and sustain 21,500 jobs statewide.

Our approach to investing in the roads and transport infrastructure needed by Queenslanders is in stark contrast to that of the former Newman LNP Government, which cut \$600 million from roads and transport investment, sacked 14,000 workers from their jobs, and spent millions of dollars of taxpayers' money trying to sell Queensland's assets.