

Question on Notice

No. 1232

Asked on 4 December 2020

MS F SIMPSON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to congestion and accident rates around the Mooloolaba River Interchange backing up traffic on the Sunshine Motorway and Nicklin Way and local road network—

Will the Minister commit funding to commence construction of this vital piece of infrastructure?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government has committed \$7.5 million to deliver the detailed business case for the Mooloolah River Interchange project. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is currently completing the business case. Once the detailed business case is completed, TMR will update the community on the outcomes.

The detailed business case is a critical step in confirming the scope and cost of the project to allow funding to be prioritised.

Under the previous LNP government, \$1.6 billion was cut from the roads and transport budget and no progress was made on the Mooloolah River Interchange in three lost years.