

Question on Notice

No. 1032

Asked on 14 September 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to heavy rain in early July causing significant damage to the newly completed road surface on the Isis Highway—

Will the Minister advise the cost of repairing these works, and the impact on the \$42m funding allocation for Isis Highway safety upgrades?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burnett for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its sixth record transport and roads infrastructure program of \$27.5 billion in investment over the next four years, estimated to support an average of 24,000 direct jobs over the life of the program.

The \$41.8 million Isis Highway High Risk Roads project is funded under the Palaszczuk Government's Targeted Road Safety Program, and will deliver upgrades to improve safety on a 40-kilometre stretch of the Isis Highway from Airport Drive to the Bruce Highway.

I am advised that there was no damage caused to the Isis Highway High Risk Roads project due to heavy rain, and no impact to the project funding. Some pavement damage was identified at a separate overtaking lane project on the Isis Highway as a result of rain. The damage occurred before a final asphalt layer was applied to the road surface in July 2021. Pavement repairs were completed by the contractor in early August 2021 with no additional cost to the Queensland Government.

With the pandemic impacting Queensland businesses and communities, significant road upgrades will be delivered to help stimulate the economy as part of *Unite and Recover*: Queensland's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan. These upgrades provide immediate economic benefits, support more jobs and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.