

Question on Notice

No. 416

Asked on 20 April 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what rectification, mediation or other works have been undertaken on the following structures (with ID number) in the past month (a) Woleebee Ck culvert (23080), (b) Goondiwindi-Talwood culvert (59661), (c) Forest Hill-Fernvale Road culvert (59897), (d) Marlborough-Sarina Road culvert (18735), (e) Hudson Street underpass (8473) x2, (f) Culvert, 70m north of Dixon St Northbound (27580) x2, (g) Richmond-Julia Creek culvert (15059), (h) Walkers Creek culvert (25978), (i) Cloncurry-Dajarra Road culvert (43023) and (j) Nerang-Murwillumbah Road culvert (68445)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

I am advised that visual inspections were undertaken on the Woleebee Creek Bridge, Goondiwindi-Talwood culvert, and the Forest Hill-Fernvale Road culvert in the last month, with no work undertaken on the other structures referred to in the Member's question.

The Palaszczuk Government locked in over \$1 billion in new and accelerated roads and transport funding as part of our COVID stimulus packages, including nearly \$160 million for Regional Economic Enabling Fund (REEF) projects, which will upgrade roads, bridges and culverts across regional Queensland.

The *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program* (QTRIP) 2020–21 to 2023–24 represents a record investment in road and transport infrastructure for the fifth year in a row, with \$26.9 billion in works committed over the next four years, supporting an average of approximately 23,600 direct jobs over the life of the program.

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

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to maintaining a safe and resilient road network for all Queenslanders. That is why our government invested a record \$4.44 billion for maintenance, preservation and operation of the SCR network in QTRIP, an average investment per annum of \$1.1 billion.

This is compared to the \$2.77 billion invested by the Newman LNP Government in its final QTRIP in 2014–15. As I have highlighted in previous responses—the Newman Government committed \$1.67 billion less over four years than that invested by the Palaszczuk Government's in the current QTRIP, or, on average, only \$692 million per annum as compared to \$1.1 billion on average per annum under Labor.