

Question on Notice

No. 6

Asked on 23 February 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 1104 asked on 1 December 2020, in which the Minister highlights the Mount Crosby Road Interchange as the Palaszczuk Labor Governments' initial priority on the Warrego Highway—

Will the Minister advise why this is an initial priority over the safety upgrades required on the Warrego Highway and Toowoomba Connection Road through the Lockyer Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Lockyer for the question.

As stated in my response to Question on Notice 1104, the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 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. Of this, the Australian and Queensland governments have committed \$546.84 million joint funding, on an 80:20 funding basis, on the Warrego Highway.

Investment in the Mount Crosby Interchange upgrade is one of the Palaszczuk Government's highest priorities for funding due to the safety and capacity concerns at this interchange.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is currently undertaking planning for priority upgrades between Dinmore and Helidon Spa. A key strategy for the investment of the \$546.84 million will be interim safety treatments while longer term projects indicated in the Warrego Highway Upgrade Strategy (2012) are delivered between Dinmore and Helidon Spa. Project details and timing are subject to further planning and negotiation with the Australian Government.

The Member for Lockyer has also raised funding the Toowoomba Connection Road as part of the current investment in the Warrego Highway. In June 2020, the Australian Government removed Toowoomba Connection Road from the National Land Transport Network. Therefore, improvements to the Toowoomba Connection Road will not be funded as part of the \$546.84 million investment in the Warrego Highway.