

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 662**

**Asked on 26 May 2021**

**MR A POWELL** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### **QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide a list of IT projects to be undertaken by the Department of Transport and Main Roads this financial year together with their total budgeted cost and a breakdown of expenditure per financial year for projects with longer delivery timeframes?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is investing in the critical infrastructure our state needs, including Information and Communication Technology (ICT) projects. These projects will deliver ongoing benefits to Queenslanders by providing accessible, safe, responsive, efficient and sustainable services to the community.

We are already seeing the benefits of this investment flow to Queenslanders as we roll out our \$371 million Smart Ticketing solution. Commuters on the Gold Coast and in South East Queensland are trialling this new technology on the light and heavy rail network with over 210,000 trips taken on the G: Link using the new technology alone. We expect this to ramp up over the coming year as we progressively roll out the new ticketing solution across the public transport network by the end of 2022.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) ensures each procurement activity achieves value for money through a robust ICT procurement process including negotiations and effective on-going contract management, in line with departmental and whole-of-Government policies and framework.

The list of ICT projects to be undertaken by TMR this financial year are published on the Queensland Government digital projects dashboard site, in accordance with the Queensland Government Customer and Digital Group's publishing standards.

Those projects, along with those that closed within the current financial year, have a total combined approved expenditure of \$461.37 million and a forecast for 2020/21 of \$79.54 million. Budgeted expenditure for the 2021–22 financial year is \$126.86 million and for the 2022–23 financial year is \$43.68 million.

It is relevant to note that cost blow outs for ICT projects were significant under the previous LNP Government which saw some projects not just double, but sometimes quadruple in price.