

Question on Notice

No. 799

Asked on 16 June 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update (including key milestone dates) for each action item in the Queensland Road Safety Action Plan 2020–21 which was released on 9 December 2019?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

The *Queensland Road Safety Action Plan 2020–21* (the plan) highlights the strong road safety partnerships within the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), and with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and Motor Accident Insurance Commission (MAIC).

The plan features 50 actions, including six ‘showcase’ action areas highlighting complex and multi-layered projects targeted at having the highest impact on road trauma. These include:

- tough new penalties for illegal mobile phone use while driving—increased penalties came into effect in February 2020 and new cameras, to detect illegal mobile phone use and non-seatbelt use, will be rolled out from July 2021
- new educational programs for drink drivers and reforms to the Alcohol Ignition Interlock Program commencing on 10 September 2021
- implementing the new Road Safety Policy for infrastructure provides guidance for new infrastructure builds to help design in safety from the outset of a project—this policy is now standard business and is being applied to all new infrastructure
- delivering infrastructure safety treatments through the Targeted Road Safety Program—ongoing program with treatments being implemented across the State
- piloting connected and automated vehicles through TMR’s Connected and Automated Vehicle Initiative
- a multi-agency partnership between TMR, MAIC, Queensland Health and QPS to improve the road safety knowledge base through the establishment of the Road Safety Data Bureau.

Of the 50 actions included in the plan, 17 have been implemented and five have been embedded into ongoing business, including the StreetSmarts program and Road Safety Policy. The remaining 28 are on track for delivery by the end of 2021.

Further detail regarding the actions have previously been provided in response to 2020 Estimates Government Question on Notice No. 4.

TMR, in consultation with stakeholders, is currently developing the next *Road Safety Strategy 2022–2031* and its first accompanying action plan.