

Question on Notice

No. 1022

Asked on 13 October 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the rapid deterioration of the Laidley Plainland Road due to flooding—

Will the Minister advise what investment is being made to fix the recent significant pavement damage and invest in acceleration, deceleration and turning lanes which were recommended by a safety audit undertaken on the road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Lockyer for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is aware of flood damage on Laidley–Plainland Road following numerous wet weather events. Works are being planned to repair the road surface. Funding is not available at this time to install acceleration, deceleration or turning lanes on Laidley–Plainland Road.

There is approximately \$120,000 worth of routine maintenance work required which is funded by TMR's Road Maintenance Performance Contract. TMR is working to repair widespread damage across the entire state-controlled road network and those repairs will be completed as soon as possible.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$665 million is committed across TMR's Darling Downs district, estimated to support an average of 775 direct jobs over the life of the program.