Question on Notice

No. 1059

Asked on 14 October 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the rapid deterioration of the Forest Hill Fernvale Road between Brightview and Fernvale—

Will the Minister advise what investment is being made to fix the recent significant pavement damage and invest in upgraded pavement?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Lockyer for the question.

Rehabilitation works are currently underway on a number of state-controlled roads in the Somerset area. This includes the recently completed works on Forest Hill–Fernvale Road, approximately between Old Fernvale Road and Vernor Road, which is located within the stretch between Brightview and Fernvale. Additionally, the section of Forest Hill–Fernvale Road between Coominya Connection Road and Irwin Road at Mount Tarampa (within the Nanango electorate) is expected to be rehabilitated in the current financial year.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will continue to monitor Forest Hill–Fernvale Road as part of routine maintenance operations. Further sections of the road will be considered for rehabilitation works subject to funding and other competing needs across the state-controlled road network. Any safety issues identified during regular patrols of the road are repaired as quickly as possible to provide a safe environment for road users.

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, \$3.079 billion is committed across TMR's North Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 2700 direct jobs over the life of the program.