

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 127**

**Asked on 15 March 2022**

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

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to September 2020 when the Minister committed \$42.5m to upgrade the Isis Highway between Bundaberg and the Bruce Highway and works to date have installed an overtaking lane south of Bundaberg—

Will the Minister advise the complete extent of work being proposed?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Burnett for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government allocated over \$40 million under the Targeted Road Safety Program – High Risk Roads initiative across four years for the progressive roll-out of projects along a 40-kilometre stretch of the Isis Highway, from Airport Drive to the Bruce Highway.

The project has been divided into several packages for delivery from 2020–21 to 2023–24, with project packages including intersection upgrades, road widening, wide centre line and audio tactile line marking application and removal of roadside hazards.

To date, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has completed works to retrofit wide centre line treatments to approximately 30 kilometres of the highway between the Philips Road and Hapsburg Road intersections. Works to upgrade several intersections along this stretch of the highway are also currently underway.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its sixth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, outlining \$27.5 billion in investment over the next four years and estimated to support an average of 24,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$1.495 billion is committed across the TMR's Wide Bay Burnett District, which is estimated to support an average of 1380 direct jobs over the life of the program.

Queensland's world-leading pandemic response has made it the place to be and, to support the State's population boom, significant road upgrades are being delivered as part of *Queensland's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan*. These upgrades provide immediate economic benefits, support more jobs, and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.