

Question on Notice

No. 616

Asked on 21 June 2022

MR D PURDIE ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Yandina Coolum Road (western section) being rated in RACQ's top ten worst roads in 2020—

Will the Minister advise (a) why no money was allocated to programmed maintenance during this period and (b) what money will be allocated in the upcoming budget to programmed maintenance and other work to improve the safety of this busy arterial road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry for the question.

Queensland has the longest state-controlled road (SCR) network of any Australian state or territory. As at 30 June 2021, the SCR network comprised of 33,384 kilometres of roads, including 396 kilometres of motorways, 3746 kilometres of unsealed roads, 3145 bridges, 4872 major culverts and 36 tunnel sections. The National Land Transport Network component of the SCR network comprises of 5052 kilometres (as at 30 June 2021), for which the Australian Government has primary funding responsibility.

The Palaszczuk Government is spending more than \$1 billion each year to maintain Queensland's roads. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is committed to maintaining Yandina–Coolum Road in a safe and serviceable condition, consistent with traffic needs. TMR's contractors regularly inspect all SCRs, including Yandina–Coolum Road.

As previously advised in Question on Notice 392, tabled on 9 June 2022, TMR allocated \$4.2 million in Routine and Programmed Maintenance over the period of 2017 to 2021. In addition, indicative funding of \$5 million has been programmed in the 2024–25 to 2025–26 financial years to improve safety on Yandina–Coolum Road at the South Coolum Road and School Road roundabout.

TMR will continue to monitor the road and undertake routine maintenance as required. Any upcoming programmed maintenance works on Yandina–Coolum Road will be prioritised across the network.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in QTRIP, 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.