Question on Notice

No. 731

Asked on 24 June 2022

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Coomera Connector—

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the $165,547,000 expended up to 2021–22 and the plans for the $265,000,000 allocated for 2022–23, including the costs associated specifically with design work and land acquisition?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bonney for the question.

We need a Second M1.

That is why the Palaszczuk Government has backed it and locked in $2.16 billion in joint-funding to build Stage 1 of the Coomera Connector – the single largest road project in Queensland. Our plan will take 60,000 cars a day off the M1 and provide for additional capacity.

In the 2021–22 financial year, more than $165 million was expended on the project to 30 June 2022, including almost $122 million spent on environmental studies and property acquisition, including land parcels required for environmental offsets. A further $36.5 million was spent on design and contract administration elements, including on-the-ground site investigations across the Stage 1 route. Project management costs make up the $7 million balance of the last financial year spend.

As the Stage 1 North package moves into construction, approximately $265 million is expected to be spent in the 2022–23 financial year.

More detailed design work will continue for all three Stage 1 packages, and delivery costs, including further site investigations and construction activities, are forecast to be just over $195 million. A further $60.5 million is allocated to environmental costs including land offsets, and any further property acquisitions, which may result from more detailed designs. Other costs, including project management of Stage 1, are expected to incur $9.3 million this financial year.

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, $5.194 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' South Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 4300 direct jobs over the life of the program.