

Question on Notice

No. 747

Asked on 16 August 2022

MS A LEAHY ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the allocations provided to Local Governments for the Transport Infrastructure Development Program for the financial years since the 2016–17 financial year (reported separately by local government and indicate any carried over funding between years)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Warrego for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government understands the importance of funding transport infrastructure in regional Queensland, and a key component of that support is the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS). The financial sustainability of many rural and remote councils is highly dependent on the certainty of roads and transport program funding the State provides. It also assists to maintain local government employment in regional areas – at a time when jobs and job security remains a priority.

Annual TIDS allocations, shown in the following table from 2016–17 to 2021–22, are provided to Regional Roads and Transport groups (RRTGs). RRTGs generally comprise regional groupings of councils who work collaboratively with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to prioritise their TIDS allocation on a regional basis. RRTG TIDS allocations must be fully expended in the financial year allocated, as funding is not carried over between years.

RRTG	Member Councils	TIDS Allocation (\$'000)
Bowen Basin	Banana, Central Highlands, Isaac, Woorabinda	4,479
Brisbane Metro Alliance	Brisbane	2,042
Eastern Downs	Toowoomba	2,728
Far North Queensland	Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Cook, Croydon, Douglas, Etheridge, Mareeba, Tablelands, Wujal Wujal, Yarrabah	5,715
Gladstone	Gladstone	1,038
North Queensland	Burdekin, Charters Towers, Hinchinbrook, Palm Island, Townsville	3,361
North West Queensland	Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Doomadgee, Flinders, Kowanyama, McKinlay, Mount Isa, Richmond	5,493
Northern SEQ	Moreton Bay, Noosa, Somerset, Sunshine Coast	3,718
Outback	Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Boulia, Diamantina, Longreach, Winton	6,211
Rockhampton	Livingstone, Rockhampton	1,516
Scenic Valleys	Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim	2,171
South West	Balonne, Bulloo, Maranoa, Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie	6,646
Southern	Gold Coast, Logan, Redland	2,690
Southern Border	Goondiwindi, Southern Downs	2,199

RRTG	Member Councils	TIDS Allocation (\$'000)
Western Downs	Western Downs	2,645
Whitsunday	Mackay, Whitsunday	1,803
Wide Bay / Burnett	Bundaberg, Cherbourg, Fraser Coast, Gympie, North Burnett, South Burnett	6,746
RRTG TIDS Total		61,200

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, \$280 million is committed to TIDS, which is estimated to support an average of 230 direct jobs over the four-year program life.