

Question on Notice

No. 942

Asked on 1 September 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on (a) the Childers Bypass, (b) what the State Government is doing to progress or not progress this project and (c) the outcomes of the Childers Bypass planning study?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burnett for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) identified a preferred alignment for a Childers heavy vehicle bypass corridor to the southwest of Childers as an outcome of planning undertaken previously.

TMR prioritises projects to ensure funds are directed to areas of greatest safety and capacity needs across Queensland. As there is no funding allocated to the proposed Childers bypass project, TMR has no plans to progress planning further at this time.

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, \$1.562 billion is committed across TMR's Wide Bay Burnett District, estimated to support an average of 1430 direct jobs over the life of the program.