

Question on Notice

No. 944

Asked on 1 September 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to publicly available information regarding Exit 45 on the Department of Transport and Main Roads website which states 'Timing – Construction complete mid-2022, weather permitting', and the latest Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26, page 23, which advises that, of the \$20m indicative total budget, \$4m of funding will be expended in 2023 to 2024 and \$5m of funding will be expended in the period 2024 to 2026, a total of \$9m (45 percent) of funding—

Will the Minister advise how it is that this project can be completed in 2022, if \$4m of the funding will not be available until 2023 to 2024 and \$5m of the funding will not be available until 2024 to 2026?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Coomera for the question.

The construction project at the Ormeau Interchange (Exit 45) on the Pacific Motorway (M1) is scheduled for completion in late 2022, weather and site conditions permitting. Project cashflows may appear different to project construction milestones and project cashflows may continue beyond the forecast main construction completion/opening date.

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.