

Question on Notice

No. 1028

Asked on 12 September 2023

MR T WATTS ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to bridges in Southern Queensland—

Will the Minister advise (a) what are the reasons for the current weight restrictions and lane closures placed on the Bremer Bridge and (b) how many other bridges currently have weight or lane restrictions in Southern Queensland and the name of each bridge, location, reason and days under restriction?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Toowoomba North for the question.

- (a) The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) identified fatigue cracks and material issues in critical steel elements of the Warrego Highway's Bremer River Bridge (Westbound), built in 1958. As a precaution, TMR has imposed travel conditions, load restrictions and reduced speed limits on the bridge. The changed traffic conditions are necessary to ensure the bridge remains safe and operational while TMR carries out essential inspections and repairs. To ensure the safety of workers onsite, the Queensland Police Service and transport inspectors will ensure heavy vehicles comply with the current load and speed restrictions. TMR is also working closely with the heavy vehicle sector to keep them up to date on the latest impacts and restrictions.
- (b) There are two bridges within the TMR Southern Queensland Region that have temporarily single lane/weight restrictions:
 - 1. Yabba Creek Anabranh No 1, Yabba Creek Road, Imbil, up to 4500 days, 64 year-old bridge reduced to single lane due to severe timber deck plank rot in a number of locations. Detailed design is now complete and repair work commenced in 2023.
 - 2. Wide Bay Creek, Kilkivan Tansey Road, Kilkivan, 908 days, 86-year-old structure reduced to a single lane due to severe cracking and spalling of deteriorated concrete in the bridge piers and underside of the deck. The pier work has now been completed and work to repair the underside of the spans is underway.