

Question on Notice

No. 1074

Asked on 13 September 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the over representation of serious injury and fatal traffic crashes on the Warrego Highway—

Will the Minister advise what investment is planned to upgrade the Warrego Highway between Minden and Withcott over the next four years?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Lockyer for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its eighth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2023–24 to 2026–27*, which outlines \$32.1 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.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to improving road safety across Queensland, with QTRIP 2023–24 to 2026–27 outlining an investment of \$1.815 billion in targeted road safety initiatives over the four-year program.

The Australian and Queensland governments have committed approximately \$585 million towards upgrading the Warrego Highway in QTRIP 2023–24 to 2026–27. Project details and timing are subject to further planning and negotiation with the Australian Government, noting the Queensland Government's initial priority is upgrading the Mount Crosby Road interchange.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is also undertaking reconstruction works on various sections of the Warrego Highway through the Disaster Recover Funding Arrangements, including between Miles to Roma, Dalby to Miles and Ipswich to Toowoomba.