

Question on Notice

No. 1076

Asked on 13 September 2023

MRS D FRECKLINGTON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to road safety audits—

Will the Minister clarify when audits were last conducted by the department on the full length of the following state controlled roads (a) Kilkivan-Tansey Road, (b) Brooweena-Woolooga Road, (c) Mundubbera-Durong Road, (d) Byee Road, (e) Pechey-Maclagan Road, (f) Gatton-Esk Road, (g) Kingaroy-Barkers Creek Road, (h) Memerambi-Gordonbrook Road, (i) Kingaroy-Burrandowan Road, (j) Somerset-Wivenhoe Road, (k) Blackbutt-Crows Nest Road, (l) Kingaroy-Cooyar Road, (m) Chinchilla-Wondai Road, (n) Kilcoy-Murgon Road, (o) Esk-Hampton Road and (p) Coominya Connection Road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Nanango for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) does not conduct routine full-length road safety audits (RSA) on the state-controlled road network. RSAs are reserved for situations where conventional methods or tools cannot effectively identify road safety issues.

Instead of conducting full-length RSAs, TMR employs various tools such as the Australian Road Assessment Program (AusRAP), Queensland Risk Assessment Model (QRAM) and Emerging Crash Location Reporting to identify, monitor, and prioritise safety interventions on state-controlled roads. TMR also conducts regular visual inspections of the state-controlled network. These tools and investigations allow resources to be focused on locations with the highest risk ratings, ensuring funds are directed to where they are needed most.

I am advised, in the last five years, the QRAM has been updated annually for several state-controlled roads, including those mentioned in the question. Furthermore, specific sections of these roads have been assessed separately through targeted investigations and processes. These investigations may entail on-site visits and assessments of factors like intersection design, traffic flow, crash history, and other relevant parameters. Wherever safety improvements are identified through road safety investigations, TMR prioritises works to progressively undertake improvements, with funding being directed to the areas of highest priority.

It is important to note that 'Blackbutt-Crows Nest Road' falls under the jurisdiction of the South Burnett Regional Council and is not a state-controlled road.

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 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. Of this, \$5.503 billion is committed across TMR's North Coast District and Southern Queensland regions, estimated to support an average of 2460 and 2240 direct jobs over the life of the program.