

Question on Notice

No. 1087

Asked on 13 September 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Centenary Bridge duplication project—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of trees that are being removed for the project and (b) where and when replacement planting will occur?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Coomera 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 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, \$4.565 billion is committed across Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) Metropolitan Region, estimated to support an average of 3500 direct jobs over the life of the program.

- (a) TMR estimates around 150 mature trees, along with some smaller vegetation, were cleared within Centenary Bridge duplication project footprint to enable construction of the new northbound bridge, active transport facilities and associated structures.
- (b) TMR is pleased to advise the project design includes a significant amount of tree planting for areas impacted by earthworks and vegetation clearing on both sides of the Centenary Motorway, including over 275 native trees. A large amount of other smaller plant varieties will also be planted. Replanting will be undertaken as part of landscaping works towards the end of the project.