

Question on Notice

No. 1111

Asked on 14 September 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister explain the funding discrepancy for the Centenary Bridge project as the project website lists the total cost as \$298.5m but QTRIP shows \$271.5m of funding available?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Lockyer for the question.

Construction on the congestion busting Centenary Bridge Upgrade project began on 20 April 2023, and is jointly funded with the Australian Government on a 50:50 basis.

The total project cost of \$298.5 million was released in a media statement on 27 December 2022 and is reflected on the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) website. Like many projects across Australia and overseas, the project has faced unavoidable pressures including supply chain issues and escalation of construction costs, with the revised project estimate an increase of \$55 million.

The discrepancy between the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program* (QTRIP) 2023–24 to 2026–27 project budget and the TMR webpage relates to the unresolved Australian Government contribution towards the project increase, with additional funding contributions considered at the completion of the Independent Strategic Review of its Infrastructure Investment Program.

The recently released *QTRIP 2023–24 to 2026–27* includes an additional \$27.5 million Queensland Government funding (a 50 per cent share of the cost increase of \$55 million), publishing a total indicative budget of \$271.5 million with the website reflecting the full value of the increase, noting the increase has been reflected against the Queensland Government contribution pending consideration by the Australian Government.