

Question on Notice

No. 1129

Asked on 14 September 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to upgrades to Cunningham's Gap—

Will the Minister advise (a) what diversion routes will be put in place and (b) the duration and any weight and size restrictions that will be in place for the duration of the works?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Toowoomba North 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, \$5.504 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) South Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 4130 direct jobs over the life of the program.

The Cunningham Highway remains open with some traffic changes due to roadworks, including temporary and intermittent delays to road users. There are no planned closures associated with the works.

During the repair works at Cunninghams Gap, the road will maintain access for existing gazetted vehicle mass and configuration, which includes performance-based heavy vehicles up to Class 2A&B configuration. The challenging location and extensive reconstruction will necessitate limits to be applied to over-width loads that require special (Class 1) permits. These restrictions will vary according to project staging but will apply over the remaining project duration.

The current Oversize Overmass (OSOM) width permitted is 7.5 metres. During certain construction works it will also be necessary to limit all OSOM operations to night-time only. All OSOM heavy vehicle combinations are required to check TMR's Conditions of Operation Database before starting their journey.