

## Question on Notice

No. 1199

Asked on 11 October 2023

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

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on the business case for the preferred option for the duplication of the Sunshine Motorway including (a) when the business case will be completed, (b) actual expenditure to date to develop the business case, (c) breakdown of how the remaining funding, which has been forecast for 2025–26 to 2026–27 will be allocated and (d) projected construction timeframe and costs?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its eighth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2023–24 to 2026–27* (QTRIP), 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, \$3.147 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' North Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 2460 direct jobs over the life of the program.

- (a) The Sunshine Motorway David Low Way to Yandina–Coolum Road duplication business case is expected to be completed by mid-2027.
- (b) As published in QTRIP, there has been no expenditure on the business case to date as funding is allocated to start in the 2024–25 financial year.
- (c) The funding of \$3 million allocated in QTRIP will be used to engage a consultant to further develop the preferred option and prepare the business case. This will include field investigations and more detailed technical analysis.
- (d) Timelines and costings related to construction have not yet been determined. The business case will investigate the preferred option in more detail to evaluate the design, construction costs and staging.