

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1268**

**Asked on 24 October 2023**

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

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise the total spend from 2017 to current on maintenance and capital improvements on the Warrego Highway between Minden and Withcott, including the Toowoomba-Connection Road?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Lockyer 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 (QTRIP) 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.

During the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2023 (financial years 2017–18 to 2022–23), the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) delivered approximately \$931 million of transport and roads infrastructure investment on the Warrego Highway between Ipswich to Toowoomba—which includes Minden and Withcott—including the former Warrego Highway (Toowoomba Connection Road).

Note, this past expenditure figure does not include investments which cross TMR's region/district boundaries, or that are managed as a program at a region/district level (such as routine maintenance). It also does not include non-TMR QTRIP expenditure (such as Queensland Rail expenditure).

The Australian and Queensland governments have also committed approximately \$585 million upgrading the Warrego Highway in *QTRIP 2023–24 to 2026–27*. Project details and timing are subject to further planning and negotiation with the Australian Government.