

## Question on Notice

No. 1325

Asked on 25 October 2023

**MS A LEAHY** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to the following road projects from Question No. 15 asked on 17 July 2023 for the Transport and Resources Committee Estimates hearing—

Will the Minister advise (a) the projects associated with the future priorities for Warrego Highway - Future Priorities and (b) all of the upgrade projects (reported separately by district, local government, ID, network and investment name) for Inland Freight Route (Mungindi to Charters Towers) Upgrades?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Warrego for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to maintaining a safe and resilient transport network for all transport users by delivering significant levels of investments on roads and transport infrastructure. The *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2023–24 to 2026–27* outlines a record \$32.1 billion of works over four years, including \$10.8 billion in Australian Government funding and supporting 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program.

On 16 November 2023, the Australian Government announced the outcomes of the Independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program (the Review). The Palaszczuk Government will now consider the outcomes of the Review and continue to advocate for the State's fair share of the national program.

- (a) The Australian and Palaszczuk governments have committed \$585 million on a jointly-funded basis to provide for future upgrades on the Warrego Highway. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will continue to work with the Australian Government to determine investment priorities for the Warrego Highway between Dinmore and Helidon Spa, noting the initial priority is upgrading the Mount Crosby Road interchange.
- (b) The 1185-kilometre Inland Freight Route (IFR) forms part of the nationally accredited Key Freight Route network, the Townsville to Roma Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) corridor and the Great Inland Way State Strategic Touring Route. Future investment on the IFR will build on projects delivered under previous funding programs. This includes the \$109.71 million of existing commitments on the route and key feeder roads outlined in *A Real Bruce Plan* 2020, the ROSI early works package on the Townsville to Roma corridor, and the Australian and Queensland governments' road economic stimulus packages. The Palaszczuk Government will now consider the outcomes from the Review and determine investment priorities on the IFR.