

## Question on Notice

No. 1346

Asked on 25 October 2023

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

### QUESTION:

With reference to the long stretch of Flinders Highway between Charters Towers and Mount Isa. In recent months, the Department of Transport and Main Roads commenced a speed camera compliance blitz on this stretch of road—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many fines, totalling what amount, has been issued by DTMR on this stretch of road since 1 July and (b) if DTMR intends to re-invest this money into improving and upgrading the Flinders Highway?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Traeger for the question.

The Flinders Highway terminates at Cloncurry, with the road from Cloncurry to Mount Isa being the Barkly Highway. Accordingly, all information provided is based on the Flinders Highway between Charters Towers and Cloncurry.

- (a) In relation to the number of fines issued on the Flinders Highway between Charters Towers and Cloncurry under the Camera Detected Offence Program (CDOP), I can advise that between 1 July 2023 and 30 October 2023, 4591 fines with a total face value of \$3,395,732 were issued.
- (b) It is a requirement under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* (117 – use of penalties collected for camera-detected offences) that all money collected from penalties imposed for camera-detected offences (in excess of administrative costs) must be used for the following purposes:
- to fund the development or delivery of programs or initiatives for any of the following:
    - road safety education and awareness
    - enabling practices and behaviours that improve road safety
    - rehabilitation of persons who have been injured in a road crash
  - to fund infrastructure and related technologies to improve the safety of state-controlled roads, with funding to be prioritised using a risk assessment methodology to maximise the reduction in the frequency and severity of road crashes.

As required under the legislation, the majority of the funds collected by CDOP are allocated to the Targeted Road Safety Program (TRSP) to fund infrastructure projects and related technologies to improve safety outcomes on state-controlled roads across Queensland. TRSP funding aims to improve safety outcomes for road users and reduce the impacts of road trauma through high-benefit road safety infrastructure interventions and other safety initiatives.

Since 2015, over \$4.3 million in TRSP funding has been allocated to address safety projects on the Flinders Highway between Charters Towers and Cloncurry. A further \$9.1 million was expended on the Flinders Highway between Charters Towers and Cloncurry through the Australian Government Road Safety Program. The Australian Government Road Safety Program is jointly funded between the Australian and Queensland governments, with contributions funded through CDOP.

In addition to the funding allocated for the Flinders Highway from CDOP, 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, \$421 million is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' North West District, estimated to support an average of 420 direct jobs over the life of the program.