

Question on Notice

No. 1399

Asked on 14 November 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to bridge upgrades on Eel Creek, Glastonbury Creek, Little Widgee, Station Creek, and Widgee Creek Bridges on the Gympie Woolooga Road since 2015—

Will the Minister advise (a) the cost of each upgrade and the nature of each project (itemised separately and by year) and (b) the projected cost and timeline of current and planned upgrades for each bridge (itemised separately)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gympie 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, \$2.356 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' Southern Queensland Region, estimated to support an average of 2240 direct jobs over the life of the program.

- (a) As part of annual rehabilitation and maintenance on Eel Creek, Glastonbury Creek, Little Widgee, Station Creek, and Widgee Creek bridges on the Gympie–Woolooga Road since 2015, the following costs to undertake rehabilitation and maintenance works on each structure is provided as follows: Eel Creek in 2015–16, \$0; in 2016–17, \$0; in 2017–18, \$21,000; in 2018–19, \$0; in 2019–20, \$0; in 2020–21, \$64,000; in 2021–22, \$20,000; in 2022–23, \$176,000; in 2023–24, \$161,000. Glastonbury Creek in 2015–16, \$83,000; in 2016–17, \$0; in 2017–18, \$0; in 2018–19, \$0; in 2019–20, \$259,000; in 2020–21, \$466,000; in 2021–22, \$0; in 2022–23, \$198,000; in 2023–24, \$0. Little Widgee Creek in 2015–16, \$0; in 2016–17, \$0; in 2017–18, \$5000; in 2018–19, \$0; in 2019–20, \$9000; in 2020–21, \$20,000; in 2021–22, \$0; in 2022–23, \$3000; in 2023–24, \$0. Station Creek in 2015–16, \$0; in 2016–17, \$0; in 2017–18, \$0; in 2018–19, \$0; in 2019–20, \$240,000; in 2020–21, \$0; in 2021–22, \$0; in 2022–23, \$434,000; in 2023–24, \$0. Widgee Creek in 2015–16, \$0; in 2016–17, \$0; in 2017–18, \$0; in 2018–19, \$0; in 2019–20, \$0; in 2020–21, \$0; in 2021–22, \$0; in 2022–23, \$643,000; in 2023–24, \$0.

For the period 2019–20 to 2021–22, \$325,970 was allocated to planning to complete an Eel Creek bridge replacement options analysis. Additionally, between March 2022 and February 2023, Eel Creek bridge was re-decked with bridge ply at a cost of \$3.260 million, including associated super structure rehabilitation work.

- (b) TMR undertakes regular inspections and scheduled maintenance works as required to ensure the bridges remain in a safe and trafficable condition. Detailed design to re-deck Glastonbury Creek bridge, Little Widgee Creek bridge and Widgee Creek bridge is currently underway, with \$247,500 allocated to the design works. Further funding for construction will be considered during future program reviews against competing statewide priorities. There are no current or planned upgrades to Station Creek bridge. Current pier rehabilitation works underway on Eel Creek bridge are expected to be completed by mid-December 2023, with an estimated cost of \$500,000 in the 2023–24 financial year.