

Question on Notice

No. 1621

Asked on 30 November 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) if any further road or lane closures have been planned as part of works to upgrade and repair the Bli Bli bridge and (b) if so, when they are scheduled for, and what consultation will be undertaken with the local community?

ANSWER: [MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)]

I thank the Member for Ninderry for the question.

On 18 December 2023, I was appointed as Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services and, as such, I am now the responsible Minister to answer this Question.

- (a) The repair works to Bli Bli bridge were successfully completed ahead of schedule on 29 November 2023. The bridge reopened to westbound traffic on 30 November 2023, allowing travel in both directions. Presently, there are no additional major works planned for Bli Bli bridge.
- (b) The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) conducts routine bridge inspections to ensure their safety and functionality. The next planned routine inspection is scheduled for early 2024. These inspections typically occur over one to two nights and maintain traffic flow in both directions under the guidance of traffic controllers. The local community will be notified before this inspection takes place.

The Queensland 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, \$3.147 billion is committed across TMR's North Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 2460 direct jobs over the life of the program.