

**Question on Notice**

**No. 463**

**Asked on 20 April 2023**

**MR T WATTS** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Safe school travel (SafeST) program—

Will the Minister advise (a) the total budgeted allocation of funding, (b) how much of this funding has been fully expensed, (c) how much of this funding remains and (d) where has the funding been spent (listing the project and electorate)?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Toowoomba North for the question.

Improving the safety of school travel for all children relies on the involvement and engagement of schools (including parents associations), local government and state authorities—such as Education Queensland, Queensland Police Service, Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), TransLink and/or bus operators—as required.

TMR supports safe school travel with the SafeST program and resources, however, it is not a specifically funded program, but rather an initiative facilitated by TMR, in conjunction with the school community and local and state authorities to identify and address school safety concerns.

When road safety concerns are raised by the school community, TMR will establish a SafeST Committee as the first step in identifying and addressing school safety concerns. The SafeST Committee will then develop a school road safety action plan for implementing strategies and solutions.

Given the information outlined above:

- (a) there is no budgeted allocation of funding for the SafeST program
- (b) as there is no budget, this question cannot be answered
- (c) as there is no budget, this question cannot be answered
- (d) as there is no budget, this question cannot be answered.