

Question on Notice

No. 13

Asked on 13 February 2024

MS A LEAHY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FIRE AND DISASTER RECOVERY AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON N BOYD)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide a timeframe for when the road to Cape Tribulation and the Bloomfield Track will be fully reopened following the damage by Ex TC Jasper?

ANSWER: [MINISTER FOR FIRE AND DISASTER RECOVERY AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON N BOYD)]

Cape Tribulation Road and the Bloomfield Track are local government roads under the jurisdiction of Douglas Shire Council.

QRA understands this is a difficult time for those impacted and remains dedicated to helping administer disaster assistance through the activation of joint Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Even though road ownership lies with council, I am advised the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is actively working with Douglas Shire Council to determine the most appropriate resources and levels of support the department can provide to assist with repairs.

Council is able to claim eligible expenditure for reconstruction works under the DRFA, and all eligible costs are reimbursed.

I wrote to Douglas Shire Council Mayor Michael Kerr on January 16, 2024 and January 26, 2024 advising him of assistance available through DRFA.

The Queensland Government will continue to support Douglas Shire Council with its program of works, including the repairs to Cape Tribulation Road and the Bloomfield Track to ensure access throughout the region is restored as soon as possible.