

Question on Notice

No. 278

Asked on 20 March 2024

MR J MCDONALD ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if the government will fund the necessary safety improvements for the Laidley-Plainland Road including the upgrade at the intersection of Waddington Parade and acceleration, deceleration and turning lanes at the other intersections along this road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Lockyer for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) monitors the operation of the state-controlled road network and prioritises upgrades within the constraints of available funding on a statewide basis. Priorities are identified by considering site-specific factors including recorded crash history, present and projected future traffic volumes, geometry of the road alignment and sight lines and visibility for road users. Current safety data indicates this intersection is a medium priority for upgrade funding.

I am advised further funding for Laidley–Plainland Road will be considered during future program reviews and against competing statewide priorities. TMR will, however, continue to carry out routine maintenance works within the constraints of available funding.

The Miles 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, \$820 million is committed across TMR's Darling Downs district, estimated to support an average of 830 direct jobs over the life of the program.