

Question on Notice

No. 347

Asked on 21 March 2024

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of road signs that currently require replacement due to fading, peeling, or any other damage (reported separately by Department of Transport and Main Road Region)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is responsible for the upkeep of 33,408 kilometres of state-controlled roads, including 5052 kilometres of the National Land Transport Network within Queensland.

I am advised that, given the vast scale of this network, generating an exact figure for the number of road signs needing replacement due to fading, peeling, or other damage is a complex, resource-intensive task that could significantly divert departmental resources away from key operations.

TMR regularly performs maintenance on signs along the state-controlled road network. This maintenance program's funding is region-specific and operates locally. Each department district maintains its inventory of large signs and keeps track of road signs needing attention via programmed audits, officer observations or public feedback.

When a road sign shows signs of damage or degradation—including fading or peeling—it is assessed by the respective TMR district. Based on the condition, the sign may be repaired or replaced. Regulatory, warning and direction signs are prioritised to ensure safety of the road users. Where road signs are identified to require replacement due to non-compliance with TMR specifications during the warranty period, TMR works with the supplier.

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.