

Question on Notice

No. 851

Asked on 14 June 2024

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Mooloolah River Interchange—

Will the Minister advise why the Queensland Government did not increase its funding to fill the shortfall created when the Federal Labor Government withdrew its funding?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Kawana for the question.

As previously stated in my answers to Questions on Notice 1582 of 2023 and 205, 306, 401 and 472, of 2024—the Sunshine Motorway, Mooloolah River Interchange Upgrade project remains a priority for the Queensland Government and design work is progressing.

The *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2024–25 to 2027–28* included \$176.75 million in funding for Stage 1, reinforcing our commitment to this important project.

In response to the Australian Government's withdrawal of funding, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is undertaking assessments to identify viable solutions and alternative funding strategies to address the safety and congestion concerns highlighted at this location.

The Miles Government is delivering its ninth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in *QTRIP 2024–25 to 2027–28*, which outlines \$37.4 billion in investment over the four financial years and is estimated to support an average of 28,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$5.385 billion is committed across TMR's North Coast Region, investment which is estimated to support an average of 3860 direct jobs over the life of the program.