

Question on Notice

No. 883

Asked on 20 August 2024

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Community Open Day on August 17 to celebrate the Gympie bypass project—

Will the Minister advise (a) the total cost including breakdown and (b) did TMR organise the event or was a third party engaged to organise the event?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gympie for the question.

The Miles Government is delivering its ninth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 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, \$1.229 billion is committed across Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) Wide Bay Burnett District, investment which is estimated to support an average of 1010 direct jobs over the life of the program.

The Community Open Day was organised by TMR to thank the local community and celebrate the forthcoming completion of the Gympie Bypass. It was a major success with strong community participation, involvement and positive feedback.

- a) I am advised that the total cost of the Community Open Day event was approximately \$311,000.
- b) I am advised TMR was responsible for the planning and conducted market research to assess the needs of the event. External event management was procured to deliver a secure and effective experience, which resulted in the engagement of a suitable company following standard Queensland Government procurement procedures.