

Question on Notice

No. 904

Asked on 20 August 2024

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Gilbert River Bridge being a key artery for Gulf of Carpentaria communities—

Will the Minister advise when will urgent upgrade works commence on this vital infrastructure?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Traeger for the question.

The bridge is currently operating under a structure management plan which includes restrictions on some heavy vehicles. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is monitoring the bridge's condition and has allocated \$350,000 over the next four years to undertake annual inspections, risk assessments and minor maintenance works on the bridge, as required.

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, \$1.637 billion is committed across TMR's Far North District, estimated to support an average of 1280 direct jobs over the life of the program.