

Question on Notice

No. 1237

Asked on 16 October 2025

MR S KNUTH ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

With reference to safety concerns regarding the 3-4km section of unsealed road between Almaden to Chillagoe, which continues to be a highly dangerous safety hazard to school children travelling on bus route P1792, and noting the Minister's confirmation that planning to seal this section of road is expected to be completed in late 2026, and my understanding that limited funding has been supplied by TMR to currently only grade the road three times a year—

Will the Minister commit to increase funding to Council to grade the road on a more regular basis until the road has been sealed?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

As outlined in my response to Question on Notice 920 of 2025, the Crisafulli Government is progressing a planning project for the Burke Developmental Road between Dimbulah and Dunbar. A key priority of this project is sealing the unsealed section between Almaden and Chillagoe.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has established processes to regularly assess and prioritise maintenance works across the state-controlled road network. Maintenance activities—such as grading—are carefully planned to ensure the available resources are used effectively and deliver the greatest benefit to the community.

This section of Burke Developmental Road requires regular maintenance, and road conditions are significantly impacted during the wet season. Grading is carried out as soon as ground and weather conditions permit, following the wet season.

My department will continue to review and re-evaluate the allocation of works to ensure the best possible outcomes for the community within the resources available.