

Question on Notice

No. 495

Asked on 20 May 2025

MS W BOURNE ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the funding commitment of \$134.5m each, made by the former Miles Labor Government and the Albanese Labor Government for the Mount Crosby Interchange—

Will the Minister confirm the government will deliver this vital upgrade, which supports around 30,000 west bound vehicles per day, and if so (a) the department's original costing of the project back in 2024, (b) the department's costing now of the project and (c) the forecast project completion date?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Crisafulli Government remains committed to delivering the Mount Crosby Road interchange. I note the former Labor Government's commitment of \$270 million (jointly funded on a 50:50 basis with the Australian Government) included \$200 million outside of the forward estimates.

As I outlined in my media statement of 14 March 2025, the Mount Crosby Interchange experienced a cost blowout of \$195 million under the former government. For the benefit of the Member, my statement can be found here: <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/102165>.

The former Labor Government, when determining road and transport priorities as part of the 2024 State Budget, did not view this project to be of sufficient priority to bring forward planning and construction to within the forward years, or in fact provide the actual funding amount required to complete the project.

The project's timeline will be confirmed at the completion of the design phase, which remains ongoing. I note that the original design under the former government did not envisage the requirement of a controlled action under the Federal Government's environmental approval framework, and as such, this project has been further delayed.