

Question on Notice

No. 789

Asked on 25 June 2025

HON M BAILEY ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS
(HON B MICKELBERG)

QUESTION:

With reference to Salisbury to Beaudesert rail line, corridor protection (QTRIP 1487103)—

Will the Minister (a) advise how much funding has been allocated in the 2025–26 financial year for corridor protection and (b) detail the activities to be undertaken in 2025–26?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

In the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program* (QTRIP) 2025–26 to 2028–29, the Salisbury to Beaudesert rail line, corridor protection project (Investment ID 1487103) is not contractually committed and has been published as a ‘planned investment’ with funding contributions from the Australian and Queensland governments, and planning due to begin in 2025–26.

The layout of *QTRIP 2025–26 to 2028–29* has changed as a result of implementing the recommendations from an independent review by respected infrastructure expert Mr Rodd Staples. The review examined how the Department of Transport and Main Roads manages the infrastructure pipeline and how the Queensland Government can better manage costs and risks across project lifecycles. The review highlighted opportunities to enhance how QTRIP is structured, introducing consistency in contract packaging and commercial models, and better risk management frameworks to help ensure a more robust and cost-effective delivery in the future.

The new QTRIP layout specifically categorises investments by ‘planned investments’ or ‘contractually committed investments’, with budgets only displayed for investments which have achieved contract award. This new format continues to provide useful information to support the industry, maintains transparency for all users of the document, and delivers improved competition and value for money by not publishing project budgets for planned investments.

Corridor protection has been identified as the next key activity for the Salisbury to Beaudesert passenger rail. Consultation activities, including consulting potentially impacted landowners, will be undertaken prior to formal protection of the corridor. A detailed timeframe for consultation is subject to the timing of the next stage of technical investigations to inform meaningful engagement with the community on future corridor requirements.