

Question on Notice

No. 907

Asked on 26 August 2025

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Copper wire theft having caused street lighting outages across the Waterford Electorate and safety concerns have been raised by local residents—

Will the Minister advise when street lighting will be restored on (a) Logan River Road from Waterford West through to Bethania and into Holmview and (b) the section of the M1 at Loganholme?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The streetlighting outages along Logan River Road, from Waterford West through to Bethania and Holmview—as well as on the Pacific Motorway (M1) at Loganholme—are the result of ongoing cable theft and vandalism.

Theft and vandalism have a significant impact on road lighting, with rectification works funded from existing maintenance and preservation budgets.

Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that the incidents of ‘other theft’ (which would include the theft of copper from the Department of Transport and Main Roads assets) increased from 98,856 offences in 2015 to 152,421 in 2024—an increase of 54 per cent.

As outlined in my response to the Member’s letter of 4 July 2025, to mitigate the risk of future theft and ensure value-for-money, the Crisafulli Government is developing prevention measures, including restricting public access to vulnerable infrastructure. My department has assessed the safety of the affected sites and is prioritising repair works based on factors such as traffic volumes and crash history. Given the high number of theft and vandalism incidences across Queensland, repairs are being scheduled as part of a longer-term program.

The Crisafulli Government is also better resourcing our police to address the crime crisis in Queensland and making sure our laws are fit for purpose.