

Question on Notice

No. 363

Asked on 21 April 2026

HON M DE BRENNI ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise why the Government has not taken action to repair motorway lighting specifically on the M1 between Daisy Hill and the Logan Motorway for over 14 months?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Theft and vandalism have a significant impact on road lighting. Data shows that since 2015, incidents of other theft—including copper theft—have increased by 54 per cent. To mitigate the risk of future theft and ensure value-for-money, the Crisafulli Government is developing prevention measures and strengthening legislation to address the ongoing theft of copper, left unchecked by the former Labor Government as I outlined in my response to Question on Notice 1459 of 2025.

Given replacing like-for-like would only perpetuate the problem of continued theft, the development, testing and implementation of new solutions is seen as the appropriate long-term solution.

Restoration is being delivered in a staged manner, with lighting on Brigade Drive at Exit 34 successfully restored on 13 April 2026, and the majority of works on the Logan River Pedestrian Bridge completed by 30 April 2026. Works are also in progress at Exit 24 which are scheduled for completion within the current quarter of 2026, while Exit 31 and exits between 19 and 28 are programmed for completion in the third quarter of 2026.

Other completed works include Exit 35 (Beenleigh), with lighting reinstated in October 2025; and Exit 49 (Pimpama), with lighting reinstated on southbound on-ramp in December 2025.

The Crisafulli Government is also addressing this problem through the introduction of legislation, which if passed, aims to disrupt the theft, sale and disposal of stolen metal as scrap metal.