

Question on Notice

No. 369

Asked on 21 April 2026

MS M MCMAHON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the streetlights on the M1 at Exit 34 in Beenleigh that have been out for over a year and the increase of night-time incidents as well as a recent fatality in that time—

Will the Minister advise when will the government fund the repair of the lighting at this dangerous intersection?

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.

Work is actively ongoing to restore the lighting at Exit 34 on the M1. As part of this effort, lighting on Brigade Drive was successfully restored on 13 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.

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.