

Question on Notice

No. 494

Asked on 12 May 2026

MR B MELLISH ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) and rising construction costs—

Will the Minister advise (a) what assessment has been undertaken of the impact of increased input costs, including bitumen and fuel, on the delivery of TIDS-funded projects, (b) how many TIDS funded projects have experienced delays, scope changes or cost overruns as a result and (c) what contingency measures or funding adjustments have been implemented or are under consideration to ensure TIDS projects are delivered on time and within budget?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

I am aware of the sector wide issues resulting from the fuel supply crisis, including increase in bitumen and fuel costs. The Crisafulli Government remains focused on ensuring that Queensland's fuel security is paramount, and I refer the Member to further information presented in the Media Statement by the Premier and Deputy Premier: <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/105012>.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads closely monitors the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme expenditure and actively engages with Regional Roads and Transport Groups in relation to the program and its delivery. I understand that the current 2025–26 program—comprising of more than 160 projects statewide—is progressing in line with delivery forecasts.

I acknowledge that the former Labor Government was not able to deliver projects on time and on budget, which resulted in \$6.7 billion of blowouts across the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program, and the blowout of the Cross River Rail project from \$5.4 billion to over \$19 billion. Since coming to government, I have been focused on ending blowouts and ensuring projects and programs are managed appropriately and in line with the expectations of Queenslanders.