

Question on Notice

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Asked on 14 May 2026

MS W BOURNE ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Australian Flexible Pavements Association warning that bitumen prices are anticipated to rise by more than 50 percent and there is a real risk of stock depletion and stockouts in the near term—

Will the Minister advise what contingency measures have been put in place to ensure major transport projects are delivered on time and within budget as promised by the Crisafulli Government?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Crisafulli Government remains committed to the delivery of projects on time and within their allocated budget. I acknowledge the failure of the former Labor Government to deliver projects on time and on budget, which resulted in \$6.7 billion worth of cost blowouts across the transport capital program and Cross River Rail blowing out from \$5.4 billion to \$19 billion.

Several contingency measures have been implemented to address the potential impact of rising bitumen prices and supply challenges, ensuring major transport projects are delivered on time and within budget.

These include the use of an additional class of bitumen to maximise availability and mitigate risk of stock depletion. Adjustments to payments for bitumen are part of existing contracts, ensuring that higher input costs are being managed within existing contingency allocations. To ensure projects are delivered on time, our Government continues to work closely with contractors to manage supply chains, and explore alternative sourcing options.