

Question on Notice

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Asked on Tuesday, 5 May 2015

MR SEENEY asked the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply (HON M BAILEY) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what funding will be made available to upgrade the Burnett Highway between Gympie and Biloela and when that funding will become available to commence works?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Callide for the question.

A total of \$27.2 million funding has been provided in 2014–15 for projects on the Burnett Highway.

\$14.3 million of this funding relates to restoration works as part of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements which are due for completion in the 2014–15 financial year.

There are currently two planning projects being delivered in 2014–15:

- Callide Creek Bridge widening – the project is delivering a project proposal and options analysis to find a solution to remedy a very narrow bridge on a tight horizontal curve on a heavy road freight route
- Lawgi to Thangool pavement widening and rehabilitation – the project is delivering a project proposal and options analysis to find a solution to very narrow pavement which is having difficulty catering for heavy traffic and a large number of tourist caravans.

\$10.6 million has been allocated in 2015–16 for works on the Burnett Highway including \$9 million to widen and seal various sections of the highway at Biloela.