



Speech By
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NOTICE OF MOTION

Queensland Rail; No Confidence in the Minister for Transport and Main Roads



Mr MINNIKIN (Chatsworth—LNP) (10.16 am): I give notice that I will move—

That this House—

1. notes:
 - (a) in early 2016, GIRO and Indec warned Labor of a driver shortage once the Redcliffe peninsula line opened;
 - (b) on 30 September 2016, 48 services were cancelled and Minister Hinchliffe found out on Twitter;
 - (c) on 4 October 2016 the Redcliffe peninsula line opened with Labor employing fewer qualified drivers than in January 2015;
 - (d) on 21 October 2016, 12 per cent of scheduled services were cancelled with large scale disruptions to services occurring over the following weeks;
 - (e) on 24 October 2016, Labor announced a plan to recruit 200 train crew, despite an earlier EBA that blocked external recruitment for these positions;
 - (f) on 27 October 2016, the QR Chair and CEO resigned;
 - (g) on Christmas Day 2016, 261 or 36 per cent of all scheduled services were cancelled;
 - (h) numerous interim timetables announced by the government have been changed frequently and without warning;
 - (i) the Labor/unions MOU to pay multi-million dollar Commonwealth Games bonus payments;
 - (j) the RTBU taking Queensland Rail to the Fair Work Commission to block external recruitment based on Labor's 2017 EBA;
 - (k) on 4 October 2018, Labor accepted the resignation of QR Chair Phillip Strachan, handpicked by the Premier to fix the trains, and two other board members;
 - (l) Labor has paid millions of dollars in overtime to staff because of the RTBU's preference for a structural deficit of staff;
2. notes Labor's failure to nominate when rail fail will end and the 472 weekly services will be restored; and
3. expresses no confidence in the Minister for Transport and Main Roads.