

Question on Notice

No. 1031

Asked on 14 September 2021

MR R STEVENS ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the item on the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority Contract Disclosure Log 2020–21 referred to as ‘CRRDA-231-18 V005 Commercial Services and Market Research’ worth \$278,826 from supplier KPMG—

Will the Minister advise what market research was undertaken and provide the full findings?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mermaid Beach for the question.

The Cross River Rail Delivery Authority (the Delivery Authority) has engaged KPMG to assist in the assessment of the project’s social licence and project information messaging.

Infrastructure Australia’s *An Assessment of Australia’s Future Infrastructure Needs: The Australian Infrastructure Audit 2019* notes that “community opposition has contributed to the delay or cancellation of more than \$20 billion of infrastructure projects over the last decade”.

The market research gives the Delivery Authority insight into the community’s understanding of the project which, in turn, assists in raising awareness about the project, including construction impacts, and project benefits.

While the specifics of this research activity and the full research findings are commercial-in-confidence, the research has identified strong community support for Cross River Rail and the transformative role it will play in how people travel to, from, and around South East Queensland.

Public support for Cross River Rail is at a high level because residents of South East Queensland understand its benefits, including new stations and extra service capacity for Gold Coast commuters. The community further understands it is the Palaszczuk Government that has made difficult decisions to deliver this project.