

Question on Notice

No. 1187

Asked on 27 October 2022

MR A PERRETT ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Question on Notice No. 1126 in 2021 and advice that a review of the Gympie bus system will be undertaken in the 2022–23 financial year and given that several reviews from 1987 to 2019 have resulted in no actual change—

Will the Minister advise (a) whether the proposed review for 2022–23 FY has commenced, (b) who is conducting the review, (c) who will be consulted and (d) when will the public be consulted on the review?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gympie for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) vision and purpose is creating a single integrated transport network accessible to everyone.

Reviews of local public transport networks are undertaken to consider factors such as changes in population and demographics, changes in travel behaviour, and the expansion of new residential estates. These reviews do not guarantee any new funding or change in services.

- a) The review of Gympie's public transport network previously highlighted for 2022–23 is planned to be undertaken in the first half of next year.
- b) These reviews are part of TMR's internal planning processes and, as such, are carried out by departmental officers.
- c) In conducting these reviews, TMR engages with local government, its local delivery partner and other State agencies.
- d) Should the review recommend changes to services in the Gympie region, public consultation and implementation would be subject to both the scope of the proposed change, and competing statewide priorities for funding.