

Question on Notice

No. 1512

Asked on 2 December 2022

MR J LISTER ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister, as a signatory to the bilateral agreement on Inland Rail in November 2019 media statement <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/88977> to the Federal Government's Independent Review of Inland Rail being conducted by Dr Kerry Schott AO—

Will the Minister advise (a) what submissions or representations the Minister, the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Queensland Rail have made to the Federal Government's Independent Review of Inland Rail being conducted by Dr Kerry Schott AO and (b) when will these submissions be publicly released?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Southern Downs for the question.

The Australian Government has announced the appointment of Dr Kerry Schott AO to lead an independent review into the Inland Rail project. The review will consider the process for selecting the Inland Rail route, stakeholder consultation, and assess the project's scope, schedule, and cost.

Meetings between the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) representatives and Dr Schott took place on 17 October 2022 and 23 November 2022. The primary purpose of these meetings was to discuss with Dr Schott, TMR's role in the Inland Rail project in Queensland and the working relationships and agreements between the Australian Government, the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) and TMR. The meetings also afforded TMR the opportunity to give the department's view on the independent review's terms of reference and comment on how the project is being delivered by ARTC from a key stakeholder perspective.

There have been no formal submissions prepared for the Inland Rail Independent Review by the Queensland Government.