

Question on Notice

No. 905

Asked on 19 August 2004

MR KNUTH asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the position of Station Master in Alpha—

- (1) How long has this position been vacant and when is the vacancy expected to be advertised?
- (2) When is the vacancy expected to be filled?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Charters Towers for the question and interest in this issue.

In approximately mid 2003, as part of a statewide review of its freight operations Queensland Rail implemented changes to the operation of Alpha station. These included:

- the granting of Voluntary Redundancy to the Station Master and a Rail Operator; and
- the creation of a new position of Operations Coordinator.

Upon advertising the new position on 26 February 2004, two applications were received, but these applications were not successful in meeting the selection or policy criteria within the scope of Queensland Rail's Recruitment & Selection Policy.

Queensland Rail is currently in the process of sourcing another redeployee in an endeavour to fill the vacant Operations Co-ordinator's position. It is anticipated that the vacancy will be filled within the next four weeks.