

Question on Notice

No. QON 667

Asked on 19 April 2007

MRS ATTWOOD asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS) -

QUESTION:

Will he provide an update of the proposed federally funded upgrade to the Centenary interchange at the end of the Ipswich Road end of the Centenary Highway and the timeframes for the new rail link to Springfield?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mount Ommaney for the question.

In November 2005, funding of \$320m (January 2005 dollars) was announced by the Prime Minister for the upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway from Wacol to Darra. The announcement excluded \$50m (January 2005 dollars) required for land acquisition.

The works for this project will include upgrading the Ipswich Motorway from four to a minimum of six lanes, extending from approximately Jervis Street in Darra to the Logan Motorway Interchange.

This project also includes upgrading the Centenary Highway Interchange by removing the existing roundabout and replacing it with a multi-level interchange. Service roads will also be provided for the local community.

This project will deliver safety and reliability to relieve current congestion, reduce high accident rates and enhance reliability for freight movements.

Construction is to be delivered by an Alliance-type contract. This Alliance was formed in November 2006 and consists of the Department of Main Roads, Leighton Contractors Pty Limited, BMD Major Projects Pty Ltd, Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd and Ove Arup Pty Ltd.

The concept planning phase for the project is currently being finalised by the Alliance and the detailed design phase has also commenced, with construction of the project expected to begin in mid 2007 and be completed by mid 2010.

In response to the timeframes regarding the Springfield Rail Line, this project is currently in the design process with some preliminary works expected to commence mid 2007.