

Question on Notice

No. 1514

Asked on Tuesday 28 October 2008

MR HOBBS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL) —

QUESTION:

- (1) Will he detail any new conditions that have come into force within the last three months that relate to QLink deliveries or contracts?
- (2) Will he confirm that the government is not about to privatise this freight arm on community service operations to rural and regional Queensland?

ANSWER:

I am advised within recent months, the following changes have occurred in the South West Rail Corridor that relate to general freight deliveries:

- General Freight customers are now required to book their freight in the day prior to pick-up. This is an industry standard request, allowing operational teams to better plan their transport fleet for the following day's work; resulting in increased productivity, efficiency and reduced costs. The change to the booking process was implemented in early October.
- A number of private sub contractor operators have recently withdrawn their road haulage services. This has resulted in QR Limited employees at Goondiwindi, Cunnamulla and Quilpie now undertaking these tasks in the Goondiwindi, Thargomindah and Quilpie areas.

The Government has no intention to privatise any part of QR Limited.