

Question on Notice

No. 1758

Asked on 13 November 2008

MR NICHOLLS asked the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (MR PITT) -

QUESTION:

Will he outline the results, findings and recommendations of modelling or reports conducted that consider the use of high-occupancy tolling on existing South East Queensland roads?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Clayfield for the question.

In order to maintain Queensland's economic competitiveness and ease congestion around South East Queensland, the Queensland Government is committed to exploring and potentially implementing new and innovative congestion management solutions for its busy roads.

As the Member is aware, the potential consideration of high-occupancy toll lanes (HOT lanes) for the Centenary Motorway, in addition to other measures such as combined transit and bus priority lanes, has recently been mentioned in the news media.

Main Roads is only in the early stages of a transport planning study for the Centenary Motorway between the Ipswich Motorway and Toowong. As such there are currently no results that could be provided to the Member resulting from this study.

I am also advised that Main Roads has not modelled the introduction of high-occupancy tolling lanes on any roads, nor has it yet made any decision on what measures will be implemented on the Centenary Motorway link.