

Question on Notice

No. 1778

Asked on 13 November 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to my request for a Main Roads office to be located in the Springwood electorate -

Will he advise of the progress of this request?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Springwood for the question.

I am pleased to advise that Main Roads is finalising preparations for the opening of a new Logan District Office at 3912 Pacific Highway at Loganholme at the beginning of 2009.

The new office in Logan reflects a number of important changes to Main Roads' administrative boundaries to align with the new local government boundaries established earlier this year.

Main Roads currently has 12 regions across the state, supported by 14 district offices. Four new offices are being established at Logan, Ipswich, Moreton and the Sunshine Coast, bringing the total number of offices to 18.

The new offices in Logan, Ipswich, Moreton and the Sunshine Coast, are a strategic investment in Queensland's future prosperity and will help ensure new development is supported by suitable road infrastructure.

Main Roads' South Coast Region now covers Gold Coast and Logan city councils and the Scenic Rim Regional Council. These local governments will be serviced by the existing Gold Coast office at Nerang and the new office at Logan.

The new Logan office will ensure that Main Roads is well connected to local government areas across the state and reinforces Main Roads' long history of decentralised delivery and local decision-making. This means better service for council and communities.

Of course, one of the major projects that will be commencing in 2009 is the upgrade at the Loganlea and Paradise Road interchanges. These upgrades will include congestion-busting intelligent traffic management systems. The new Logan office will be managing this major upgrade.

I look forward to opening the Logan office in 2009.