Question on Notice

No. 1607

Asked on 28 October 2009

Mr Powell asked the Minister for Education and Training (Mr Wilson) —

QUESTION:

Further to the Minister's response to Question on Notice No. 1311 of 2009, will the Minister specify a timeframe in which school bus and parent drop off and pick up improvements will be implemented and finalised for the Maleny State School?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

I have been advised by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council is currently preparing a detailed design of traffic island works for the approval of the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

The Council is continuing to work with the Department of Transport and Main Roads in consultation with the school community on improvements to the road adjacent to the school which may include the provision of a traffic island on the eastern side of the road.

To date, the Council has given no commitment on when this work will be finalised.

I have written to both the Mayor of Sunshine Coast Regional Council and to the Minister for Main Roads and the Minister for Transport seeking advice about when work is likely to start.

The Safe School Travel Committee and the school will continue to monitor traffic and pedestrian safety outside of Maleny State School until this important issue is resolved.