

Question on Notice

No. 448

Asked on Thursday, 11 March 2010

MR GIBSON asked the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (MR HINCHLIFFE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the release and tabling of the South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program (SEQIPP) on the morning of the estimates hearing last year (16 July 2009) and noting that in the previous two years the plan was released at least one month earlier –

Will the Minister release the SEQIPP at least one month before the Infrastructure estimates hearing this year to enable more timely examination.

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Gympie for his question.

The South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program (SEQIPP) has previously been ready for release after State budget so that it reflects the outcomes and priorities of the budget process.

My office determines the release date for the SEQIPP document, taking into account any emergent issues which may need to be addressed. This can mean additional time is required to ensure that SEQIPP reflects updated information on infrastructure project priorities.

In 2009 the budget was released on Tuesday June 16 2009 and it was decided to release SEQIPP on 16 July 2009. This was done to better align the SEQIPP 2009 document with SEQ Regional Plan 2009 – 2031 requirements.

Outcomes from the Queensland Government Growth Summit held on 30 and 31 March 2010 may be considered in the SEQIPP 2010 program of projects and therefore result in a further level of review of the SEQIPP 2010 document.