

Question on Notice

No. 603

Asked on Thursday 25 March 2010

MS SIMPSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister confirm the government has investigated distance based tolling and will he release these studies and documents and advise what options are being considered?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

On 24 February 2010 the Premier informed the House that the state and local governments were working together on a range of options in developing a better integrated transport plan for the south-east corner. At that time, the Premier confirmed that congestion charging is not supported by this government.

On 18 March 2010 the Treasurer publicly announced the new tolling structure for Queensland Motorways' roads that will apply from 1 July 2010. The new structure is based around the existing form of point tolling employed on the Gateway and Logan motorways. The new tolling structure and base tolls will be legislated prior to the sale of Queensland Motorways. Following the sale, tolls will increase only in accordance with CPI. Distance based tolling does not form a part of the new tolling structure for Queensland Motorways roads.