

Question on Notice

No. 1211

Asked on Thursday, 4 August 2011

MR SPRINGBORG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (MS PALASZCZUK) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister confirm if the government has any plans for the closure or mothballing of the rail line between Brookstead and Millmerran?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Southern Downs for the question.

As you would be aware, the Queensland Rail network, including the line between Wyreema and Millmerran, was extensively damaged by the major flooding events that occurred between December 2010 and February 2011

Queensland Rail, with the support of this Government has to date taken the prudent step of restoring those rail corridors where there is a pressing demand for the provision of commercial or community rail services.

It is for this reason Queensland Rail restored the rail corridor from Wyreema to Brookstead to allow for grain transport via rail out of Brookstead. There have been no rail services between Brookstead and Millmerran since 2009 and I am advised that the above rail operators currently have no intention to contract train paths beyond Brookstead at this time.

I understand that Queensland Rail will continue to hold discussions with above rail operators to determine any future requirements to provide rail services to Millmerran.