

Question on Notice

No. 443

Asked on Thursday, 6 June 2013

DR DOUGLAS asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR EMERSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to proposed changes to Gold Coast bus routes, will the Minister advise—

- (1) How many bus changes will be required to transport my constituent from Cozens Way, Highland Park to Lae Drive, Runaway Bay, where he works, keeping in mind he currently catches two buses which takes him about 90 minutes to get to his job?
- (2) What is the shortest route my constituent will need to take to get to work?
- (3) Why the Cozens Way bus stop will be removed?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gaven for the question.

I am advised that when travelling to their place of employment, your constituent may be able to travel on proposed bus route 739 to Griffith University where they can interchange to proposed bus route 731. This will be subject to the span of operational hours and timetables for each of the proposed services.

More detailed information, including timetable information, will be available to customers closer to the implementation of service changes in this area.

These proposed service changes will be implemented as a result of the south-east Queensland Bus Network Review. The review identified a number of long-standing inefficiencies resulting in consistent late running of services in the Gold Coast area.

The Cozens Way bus stop will be removed to provide a more direct route alignment within Highland Park. Once the proposed changes are implemented, customers travelling from both Nerang and Highland Park will benefit from three new routes that will provide customers with:

- a one seat journey to Griffith University and the new Gold Coast Hospital (Monday to Friday)
- access to both Pacific Fair, Nerang and Nerang rail station (seven days a week)
- transport options between Pacific Fair and City of Gold Coast offices at Nerang (seven days a week).

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will assess locations for new bus stops on both Alexander Drive and Explorers Way as a part of the implementation of the service proposal.