

Question on Notice

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Asked on Wednesday, 7 August 2013

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise any plans to improve public transport on main arterial roads between Cleveland and the city, with particular reference to the Cleveland train line?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Cleveland for the question.

The Newman Government is focussed on delivering an efficient, reliable and affordable public transport system.

Since coming to Government, the on time running result for the Cleveland line has increased from just 91.81% in the 2011/12 financial year, to 96.18% last financial year.

Queensland Rail has introduced a range of measures to improve service delivery. There is now a taskforce dedicated to on-time running, a strong focus on network reliability and improved maintenance programs for trains and network infrastructure.

The Queensland Government understands that commuters on the Cleveland line want more frequent and consistent services and additional seats. A review of the Cleveland, Gold Coast and Beenleigh timetables is currently underway, aimed at improving frequency and travel times. The review is expected to be completed in September 2013 and improvements to begin from early 2014.

The south-east Queensland Bus Network Review for the Redlands region has been completed.

The Queensland Government's future direction for the Redlands region is to develop better connections between services and create a simpler, more legible network for commuters.

Redlands commuters will benefit from an efficient network designed to meet passenger demand, improved service reliability and connections in the Brisbane CBD, better connections between train, bus and ferry and new bus stops enabling access to the public transport network for the first time.

TransLink is working with operators to finalise route information and timetables, with a plan for implementation in early to mid 2014.

More information on the south-east Queensland Bus Network Review can be found on the TransLink website: www.translink.com.au