

Question on Notice

No. 113

Asked on Wednesday, 5 March 2014

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the new public bus timetables introduced on the Gold Coast on 20 January—

- (1) Will there be further public consultation before the light rail commences?
- (2) How will the introduction of the light rail impact on bus services for the electorate of Gaven?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gaven for the question.

The Queensland Government is committed to getting people out of their cars and on to public transport and the Gold Coast light rail will provide a real alternative for the Gold Coast community.

Public consultation has been occurring in the Gold Coast region since the light rail project commenced. Members of the public will continue to be kept informed as the Department of Transport and Main Roads approaches the launch of the light rail in mid-2014.

The Queensland Government is committed to providing efficient, reliable and well integrated public transport services for passengers. When light rail launches, customers, including the electorate of Gaven will be able to take advantage of better intermodal connections between bus services, heavy rail services and the new light rail system.

The Gold Coast light rail promises to significantly improve the liveability of the Gold Coast by improving accessibility for residents and visitors, while reducing the effects of congestion in this rapidly growing city.