

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 117**

**Asked on Wednesday, 5 March 2014**

**MR MULHERIN** asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR EMERSON) —

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 795 of 2013 and subsequent announcements made regarding the deregulation of additional air routes—

Has the review into long distance travel been completed and will the Minister release the review in full so that Queenslanders can have certainty regarding the future of transport services?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Mackay for the question.

As you are aware, I recently announced that the government intends to deregulate the air routes between Cairns-Weipa, Cairns-Horn Island and Townsville-Cloncurry-Mount Isa in order to allow for competition from 1 January 2015.

Deregulation of these routes will remove red tape for the airline industry and also revitalise frontline services. Importantly, competition may result in improved customer outcomes such as better quality services and cheaper fares.

The government will continue to regulate seven routes to regional Queensland. These routes will go out to tender in the near future with new contracts to commence from 1 January 2015.

Announcements in relation to long distance coach services will be made in time for a tender process to be undertaken and for new contracts to commence with operators from the start of 2015.

Information on the outcomes from the review of long distance services will be made available on the Department of Transport and Main Roads' website.