Question on Notice No. 221 Asked on 20 March 2014

DR DOUGLAS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MAJOR EVENTS, SMALL BUSINESS AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (MRS STUCKEY)——

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if the Nerang Velodrome is being considered as a venue for the 2018 Commonwealth Games and if so, how it will be upgraded to meet international standards?

ANSWER:

The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games[™] provides a unique opportunity for Queensland to realise lasting benefits for business, industry, sporting and community groups

The Hinze Dam is the nominated location for a new permanent mountain bike course for the Games. While any changes to the venue require the endorsement of both the International Sport Federation and the Commonwealth Games Federation, investigations are underway to potentially relocate the Mountain Bike competition track to Nerang National Park and a number of suitable potential trail options have been identified.

The Gold Coast Cycle Centre, consisting of the Nerang Velodrome and the criterium tracks, is adjacent to the Nerang National Park and existing infrastructure may form part of the venue precinct during the Games to deliver the Mountain Biking competition. Upgrades to the Velodrome are not anticipated.