

Question on Notice

No. 248

Asked on Tuesday, 1 April 2014

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Gold Coast light rail—

- (1) Are there any plans to connect the light rail with the heavy rail at Nerang, via Metricon Stadium and if so, what studies have been done on the cost and viability of such a connection?
- (2) What will be the preferred form of public transport to get competitors, officials and spectators to the 2018 Commonwealth Games at Metricon Stadium?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gaven for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) do not have any plans to connect the light rail with heavy rail at Nerang, via Metricon Stadium. A future extension of light rail from Gold Coast University Hospital to the heavy rail at Helensvale has been identified, however there is no commitment to deliver any future stages of the Gold Coast light rail system at this time due to the level of debt.

TMR is responsible for the provision of transport services for Commonwealth Games spectators and workforce. It is also responsible for the provision of a Games Route Network to provide for efficient movement of the Games Family (athletes, officials, dignitaries and the media) between key locations.

It is anticipated that transport services for the Commonwealth Games will be provided by an enhanced network of bus, rail and light rail services. This enhanced network will supplement the day-to-day public transport network in South East Queensland. Service frequency will be increased on existing public transport routes and a network of additional shuttle services will be provided to link key public transport nodes (e.g. rail stations) and Games venues.