

Question on Notice

No. 1051

Asked on Thursday, 15 October 2015

MR ELMES asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade (HON J TRAD) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Answer to Question on Notice No. 299, that a preliminary evaluation, including cost benefit analysis, will be completed by mid to late 2015 on the Beerburum to Nambour rail upgrade project—

Given that an answer to this question will not be due until mid-November, will the Deputy Premier confirm that the evaluation is still on track and advise the anticipated release date?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Noosa for the question.

I can advise the Member that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is continuing to progress the Beerburum to Nambour Rail Upgrade project through the Queensland Government's Project Assurance Framework.

The Preliminary Evaluation is now complete. The Beerburum to Nambour Rail Upgrade project will now proceed to the Business Case Development phase.

Building Queensland will lead the business case development, including procurement activities, with TMR to remain the project owner.

Once the business case is completed, the project will be prioritised alongside other infrastructure priorities for the State.

I note that the previous government had no plan for infrastructure in Queensland. The Palaszczuk Government has released the Draft State Infrastructure Plan for feedback.

The North Coast Line/Beerburum to Nambour rail upgrade project is listed in the Draft State Infrastructure Plan and the Queensland Government will continue to work with the Federal Government to secure funding for this and other vital infrastructure projects.