Question on Notice

No. 582

Asked on Wednesday, 15 July 2015

MR SORENSEN asked the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply (HON M BAILEY) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise when work will start on the Urraween/Hervey Bay Maryborough Road intersection?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Hervey Bay for the question.

I am advised that in late 2013 my department undertook planning and completed a business case to identify a proposed treatment to upgrade the intersections of Urraween Road with the Maryborough – Hervey Bay Road.

I am also advised that although the previous LNP government made a commitment to upgrade the intersection, it was an unfunded commitment forming part of their so called "Stronger Choices" plan. No allocation of funds was provided for this project in the LNP's last budget.

The LNP has subsequently withdrawn support for the Stronger Choices plan, which I note was completely reliant on the sale of vital public assets.

The Palaszczuk Government has given Queenslanders a commitment that public assets such as Energex and Powerlink will stay in public hands.

While it is unfortunate that the previous LNP government failed to deliver this project, the Member should be assured that funding will be considered against other state-wide priorities as part of future reviews of the Palaszczuk Government's forward program.