Question on Notice

No. 585

Asked on Wednesday, 15 July 2015

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

QUESTION:

Given that the government will not commit to the previous government's plan for restoration of the rolling stock and line of the Mary Valley Heritage Railway, will the government consider using Queensland Railway to restore the iconic line and stock?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gympie for the question.

Generally, rail corridor land in the state is held by the Department of Transport and Main Roads under a perpetual transport lease. The department then subleases the corridor to a railway infrastructure manager to run trains and undertake associated activities. The Gympie to Imbil rail corridor was previously subleased to the Mary Valley Heritage Railway Museum, who have now surrendered the sublease.

The department will continue to hold the corridor under perpetual transport lease until such time as negotiations with the new railway entity, the Rattler Railway Company Limited, are finalised.