

Question on Notice

No. 902

Asked on 17 September 2015

MR BOOTHMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON L ENOCH)—

Will the Minister advise the status of the implementation of the Government Wireless Network?

ANSWER:

The Government Wireless Network (GWN) is a digital radio communications network that brings Queensland's public safety agencies onto the same radio communications platform.

The network gives public safety agencies the ability to share information instantly and securely.

It will deliver vastly improved radio coverage and enhance frontline officer safety through radios that support GPS-tagged duress alarms.

The GWN is being implemented in three stages within defined service areas across South East Queensland.

Implementation is on schedule, with agencies set to start transitioning to the network in the stage 1 service areas in late October 2015.

Comprehensive testing is being undertaken to ensure the network will support police, firefighters and paramedics in all operational environments.

The GWN successfully provided secure and interoperable mobile radio communications during the G20 Leaders' Summit for thousands of frontline police, emergency services personnel, Commonwealth and international security officers.

Feedback on the performance of the network has been overwhelmingly positive.

Full implementation of the GWN and operational transition of police, fire and ambulance services to the new network will be completed by June 2016.

On completion, the network will be used by 17,500 frontline personnel across South East Queensland.