

Question on Notice

No. 938

Asked on Tuesday, 13 October 2015

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister inform the House of the incidents of correspondence received by the Minister from Gold Coast based Members of the Queensland Parliament appealing to the Prime Minister for funding for the M1 upgrade and SE Busway extension?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Springwood for the question.

I can confirm that as at 10 November 2015, I have not received any letters from Gold Coast State Members of Parliament appealing to the Prime Minister for funding for the M1 upgrade and South East Busway extension.

I have, however, received a letter from the Member for Burleigh, Mr Michael Hart MP, about an upgrade from the New South Wales border to Robina.

It is disappointing that local members on the Gold Coast have failed to respond to the Member for Springwood's call to stand up for their electorates in respect of the M1.

The M1 forms part of the national land transport network for which the Australian Government has primary funding responsibility and is a nationally accredited key freight route.

It is the highest trafficked road in Queensland and a critical link in our transport network for long distance traffic moving between major economic hubs along the east coast of Australia.

To date the Federal Government has ignored the Palaszczuk Government's calls to commit their 80% of funding to much needed upgrades for priority projects like the M1/M3 merge, like they do elsewhere in Queensland and around the country.

I encourage all Gold Coast State Members to join the Palaszczuk Government in seeking a fair outcome for the M1.