

Question on Notice

No. 1429

Asked on Tuesday, 30 August 2016

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's public undertaking to undertake a range of 'inquiries' or 'reviews'—

Will the Minister advise for those being conducted by officials operating in those departments or agencies under the administration of the Minister (a) the name of the review or inquiry, (b) the topic of the review or inquiry, (c) who is conducting the review or inquiry, (d) the completion/projected completion date of the review or inquiry and (e) the total cost/projected cost of the review or inquiry?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

Gathering the evidence required to make informed decisions is a key role of government. This is why the Palaszczuk Government has announced a number of inquiries into matters that we believe require additional investigation. Many of these inquiries have delivered on election commitments.

Reviewing how we do things is part of good government and we will continue to undertake investigations with the aim of identifying improvements and ways to deliver services and outcomes for Queenslanders more effectively. This is a process that has been followed by successive governments.

From time to time, departmental officers undertake inquiries or reviews, through established public service processes, as requested by their Minister or Cabinet, or as statutorily required by legislation. The cost of any such departmental work would be met from within departmental budgets.

The operations and service delivery of government departments are reported to the Parliament in annual reports and budget service delivery statements. I refer the Honourable Member to these publicly available documents.