

Question on Notice

No. 1616

Asked on Wednesday, 14 September 2016

MR SPRINGBORG asked the Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the department's engagement of the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation, to conduct an evaluation of corridor options for the Melbourne Brisbane Inland Rail which was tabled in the House on 13 September, Tabled Paper No. 1506—

- (1) When was the report commissioned?
- (2) What was the cost of the report?
- (3) Which agencies or bodies assisted with the preparation of the report?
- (4) When did the government receive the report?
- (5) When was the report provided to the Australian Rail Track Corporation and to the federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Southern Downs for the question.

The report was commissioned in January 2015, at a cost of \$110,000 including GST.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), Queensland Rail and the Department of State Development was consulted as part of the preparation of the report. The final report was received by the government on 16 December 2015.

The Australian Rail Track Corporations (ARTC) and their consultants received briefings and a draft of the report at various stages. A final draft copy of the report was provided to ARTC in late June 2015. The final report was provided to ARTC in late December 2015. No copies were provided by TMR to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.