

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1647

asked on 14 September 2016

MR BOOTHMAN 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 new proposed Logan River Energex Power lines—
Will the Minister update the House on the progress of the underground installation within the Albert Electorate and explain why the lines are being installed above ground in neighbouring electorates?

ANSWER:

I am advised that the majority of underground works for the project have been completed, with installation of the cable under the Logan River nearing completion.

Decisions regarding the installation or upgrading of electricity network infrastructure are made by the relevant distribution company on a case-by-case basis.

I understand that distribution companies consider a range of factors when determining the type of construction to be used for new or replacement distribution lines, these include:

- proximity to homes, roads and parkland;
- construction impacts on local homes and businesses;
- technical needs;
- legislative requirements; and
- availability of suitable land for overhead powerlines.