

Question on Notice

No. 1691

Asked on Thursday, 15 September 2016

MRS LAUGA asked the Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on the Keppel Cove bus trial?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Keppel for the question.

An extension of Route 20 to assist the transport of primary school students to and from Emu Park State School, was requested by the community of Zilzie at the Community Cabinet for Rockhampton and Yeppoon which was held at Livingstone Shire Council Chambers in May 2015.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads engaged with the service operator (Young's Bus Service) to plan, develop and implement a trial of an extension of the morning and afternoon Route 20 services into Keppel Cove Estate which started on Monday 18 April 2016. The service operates Monday to Friday every week (school terms and holidays).

The extended Route 20 trip to Zilzie has been well patronised since it was implemented as a trial in April 2016.

Data from the operator indicates average boardings of approximately 50 passengers on each morning and afternoon trip.

A final review of this trial is expected to be completed by the end of October 2016.