

Question on Notice

No. 1745

Asked on Tuesday, 11 October 2016

MR WATTS 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 tender documents awaiting to be awarded for the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing, which suggest work on earthworks were due to commence in May 2016—

Will the Minister confirm the completion date and operational date of the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing and confirm the biggest Queensland Government Regional infrastructure project in the State's history is in fact on schedule?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Toowoomba North for the question.

Bulk earthworks for the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing (TSRC) commenced on 15 August 2016, in the eastern section of the project, in the Ballard area north-east of Toowoomba.

The tender for these earthworks was awarded to Q H and M Birt Pty Ltd. It is listed on the ICN Gateway website.

Up to 10.5 million cubic metres of earth will be excavated, processed and re-used along the TSRC corridor using cut-and-fill techniques to limit the amount of material that has to be acquired off site and transported into the corridor.

Construction commenced in April 2016 and will take approximately two and half years to complete. The toll road is expected to open as scheduled in late 2018, weather and construction conditions permitting.