Question on Notice

No. 154

Asked on Thursday, 16 February 2017

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what steps are being taken to replace and restore the 'emergency phone network' made redundant with the switching off of the 2G network, on major Queensland roads such as the M1 and Bruce Highway?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing a safe road environment.

Prior to the decommissioning of the Telstra 2G network in December 2016, my department upgraded seven of the 2G help phones where there was no mobile coverage and no CCTV coverage.

My department is now working through a program to upgrade the remainder of the 2G help phones.