

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1466**

**Asked on Thursday 18 October 2018**

**MR R KATTER** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the oppressively high flight costs from Mount Isa to Townsville and Brisbane and given a further delay to the Federal Review—

Will the Minister commit to (a) releasing the long distance passenger services review and (b) further consider the option of regulating the Brisbane/Townsville to Mount Isa routes?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Traeger for the question.

In 2017, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) undertook a refresh of the outcomes of the 2013 review of government-subsidised long distance passenger transport services in regional Queensland. This refresh indicated that changes were not required for any regulated or non-regulated air services.

TMR is actively monitoring airfares on the non-regulated routes between Mount Isa to Brisbane and Mount Isa to Townsville, including both Qantas and Virgin services.

Prior to the conclusion of the current regulated air service contracts, TMR will undertake additional analysis of the air service network in regional Queensland to inform future government supported service contracts. This analysis will include any related outcomes from the Federal Senate inquiry into Regional Aviation.

TMR will continue to engage with local communities, stakeholders and airlines through regular aviation forums in regional communities.