

Question on Notice

No. 1505

Asked on Tuesday 30 October 2018

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline what, if any, representations the State Government has made to the Federal Government to seek funding for the next stages of Light Rail?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bonney for the question.

The Gold Coast light rail system has been designed to be delivered in a number of stages to respond to the growth of the Gold Coast. Stage 3A is the proposed extension of light rail from Broadbeach South light rail station to Burleigh Heads.

The Palaszczuk Government and the City of Gold Coast have each committed \$5 million to develop the detailed business case for Stage 3A to Burleigh Heads.

Federal representatives from Infrastructure Australia and the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities have been engaged through the development of the detailed business case in an observer role with representation on project governance committees.

Although the Prime Minister, the Honourable Scott Morrison MP, announced \$112 million in Australian Government funding for Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3A at a press conference at Broadbeach South light rail station on 5 November 2018, no formal notification of this funding has been received at this time.

This funding allocation is the lowest proportion of needed funding for a Gold Coast Light Rail project stage by a federal government at only 16 per cent. Stage 1 saw the Rudd Labor Government contribute 38 per cent, and the Turnbull Government 23 per cent. Given Stages 1 and 2 only happened due to substantial funding contributions by state and federal Labor governments, I look forward to the Member for Bonney lobbying his LNP colleagues in Canberra for better funding and standing up for the Gold Coast.