

Question on Notice

No. 1507

Asked on Tuesday 30 October 2018

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the economic business case for Stage 2 of the Light Rail, which identified that connection to the heavy rail would provide an extra 2,000 passengers per day—

Will the Minister advise what estimate the economic business case for Light Rail 3A makes for increased public transport users of Light Rail 3A above current bus service usage, allowing for natural growth figures?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mermaid Beach for the question.

Stage 3A is the proposed extension of the Gold Coast's light rail system from Broadbeach South light rail station to Burleigh Heads.

The detailed business case for Stage 3A is expected to be completed in December 2018.

Since 2014, light rail on the Gold Coast has transported more than 34 million passengers. This financial year saw record growth for light rail, with more than 9.4 million trips taken (not including Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games patronage).

Since Stage 2 opened in December 2017, there has been an uplift in light rail patronage of 33 per cent. In the third quarter of 2018 (July to September), Gold Coast light rail recorded an average of 949,687 trips per month. These growth patterns indicate tram patronage will continue to increase.