

Question on Notice

No. 1757

Asked on 15 November 2018

MR J KRAUSE ASKED DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON J TRAD)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer advise of all meetings conducted by the Treasurer, or her staff, with organisations connected to the Cross River Rail project, since the Deputy Premier became Treasurer?

ANSWER:

All Palaszczuk Government Ministers publicly release information about all portfolio related meetings and activities from their diaries on a monthly basis.

As Cross River Rail moved into the next phase of procurement earlier this year, my office requested and received advice regarding probity protocols. These have been tabled in Parliament.

The protocols require that meetings should not be held with bidding organisations for the purpose of discussing any issues relating directly to the Cross River Rail project.

As per the publicly available diary for March 2018, a general relationship meeting was held with the Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Investment Corporation, as is common for a Shareholding Minister. Cross River Rail was not discussed and probity protocols were adhered to.

Also noted in the publicly available diary for September 2018 a general relationship meeting held with Plenary. Cross River Rail was not discussed and probity protocols were adhered to.

An overseas travel report was tabled in Parliament detailing meetings held on the QIC roadshow held from 8 to 15 September 2018.

A member of staff held a general relationship meeting with representatives from John Holland on 3 August 2018. Cross River Rail was not discussed and probity protocols were adhered to.

In carrying out my duties as Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships I am often required to attend large events with many attendees, some of whom may be associated with organisations connected to the Cross River Rail projects. Probity protocols are adhered to at all times.

O'Connor Marsden (OCM) has provided expert probity advice to the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority (the Delivery Authority) as the authority responsible for delivering the Cross River Rail Project.

All queries raised around probity are dealt with independently by OCM. I am advised to date OCM have not identified any matter that adversely impacts on the probity of the process.