

**Question on Notice
No. 1083
Asked on 14 October 2022**

MR D CRISAFULLI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, INNOVATION AND SPORT AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER ON OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS SPORT AND ENGAGEMENT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise when the promised fast ferry from Howard Smith Wharves to Stradbroke Island will commence operation?

ANSWER:

In September 2020, the Queensland Government announced it would provide \$5.5 million to Howard Smith Wharves to construct a new river terminal comprising three floating commercial pontoons:

- upstream for commercial vessels
- downstream for larger commercial craft
- smaller Pontoon for commercial and private craft.

The Queensland Government funding awarded to Howard Smith Wharves to construct the river terminal project is for the development of physical infrastructure only.

The operational use of the infrastructure by operators undertaking services or tours to locations along the Brisbane River and to locations in Moreton Bay is subject to commercial negotiations with Howard Smith Wharves directly.