

Question on Notice

No. 1470

Asked on 1 December 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise, in relation to the expanding population of Old Burleigh Town with the future opening of Arbour Estate (a) what is the timeline for Cowell Drive/Arbour Estate to be connected through to the exit 89 West Burleigh interchange and (b) is there any long-term plan to add a bus service to Old Burleigh Town once the new Arbour estate is open?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

I can advise that the scope of the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) M1 Pacific Motorway Varsity Lakes to Tugun upgrade does not include a connection to Cowell Drive via Arbour Estate from Tallebudgera Interchange (Exit 89). As these roads are part of the local road network, Gold Coast City Council and the developer of Arbour Estate would be best placed to answer any questions about future local road connections.

I can also advise that Translink receives many requests for additional bus services across Queensland. At this stage, no decision has been made to provide a bus service to Old Burleigh Town and Arbour Estate. The opportunity to provide a bus service in this area will be subject to the provision of road infrastructure that accommodates bus movements and availability of road links delivered by the developer of Arbour Estate to allow efficient bus services through the area.

Translink will continue to monitor demand for services and identify opportunities for service improvements in this area in future reviews. Please note any service change is prioritised against all community needs across Queensland and limited resource availability.

The Queensland Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$5.194 billion is committed across TMR's South Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 4300 direct jobs over the life of the program.