

Question on Notice

No. 931

Asked on 31 August 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise when the barge from Scarborough to Moreton Island is expected to commence operations?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Broadwater for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has undertaken a number of procurement processes over the last few years to identify a commercial entity willing to establish a new vehicle and pedestrian barge service from the Redcliffe Peninsula to Moreton Island (Mulgumpin). While a preferred proponent was identified through the procurement process, it chose not to proceed, citing the current unpredictability of the economic climate and the rapid increase of construction cost in both marine and land-based industry.

A decision has now been made to redirect the \$4 million funding contribution that was earmarked for the barge and instead invest in infrastructure to be identified as an outcome of the Scarborough Boat Harbour Master Planning process, which is currently underway.