

Question on Notice

No. 159

Asked on 6 March 2024

MR S MINNIKIN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Department of Transport and Main Roads Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 website which says, as of November 2023, that the preliminary business case for the project had been completed—

Will the Minister advise (a) the total project cost, (b) the Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR), (c) projected patronage numbers and (d) if the Minister is prepared to release the full business case in the interest of openness and accountability?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

The preliminary business case is currently under review by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR). The outcomes of the preliminary business case will be made available to the community once the review is completed.

From here, there will need to be further planning, including public consultation and a detailed business case, which will provide detailed information on cost estimates, Benefit Cost Ratio and patronage projections.

The Miles Government is delivering its eighth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2023–24 to 2026–27*, which outlines \$32.1 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, \$5.504 billion is committed across TMR's South Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 4130 direct jobs over the life of the program.