

Question on Notice

No. 1165

Asked on 15 October 2025

HON M RYAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS
(HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the anticipated month and year that Inland Rail delivery through Queensland is expected to enable consideration of further planning for the Toowoomba to Brisbane passenger rail project and (b) how much funding has been allocated in the 2025–26 Queensland Budget for continued planning or corridor protection for a future passenger rail service between Toowoomba and Brisbane?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

- (a) The Inland Rail project is an Australian Government initiative being delivered by Inland Rail Pty Ltd (IRPL), a subsidiary of the Australian Rail Track Corporation. Regarding anticipated delivery timeframes for Inland Rail in Queensland, it would be appropriate for the Member to direct this question to the Honourable Catherine King MP, Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.
- (b) Confirmation by the Australian Government of the timelines for Inland Rail delivery through Queensland are necessary. I note that the Toowoomba to Brisbane Passenger Rail Summary Report released by the former Labor Government corroborates this stance in observing that future delivery of the Federal Government's Inland Rail project would provide the opportunity to integrate better passenger rail services. The Crisafulli Government will continue to engage with the Australian Government and IRPL to ensure Inland Rail gives due consideration to future passenger rail requirements between Toowoomba and Brisbane, and further planning activities will be undertaken closer to the delivery of Inland Rail in Queensland.