

Question on Notice

No. 540

Asked on 21 May 2025

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise in relation to public transport improvements for Elements Retirement Living at 224 Dennis Rd, Springwood (a) what steps have been taken, (b) what potential solutions have been explored and identified and (c) the expected timeline for any improvements?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

As outlined in my letter to the Member dated 28 April 2025, I understand that in August 2024, officers from the Department of Transport and Main Roads' Translink Division (Translink) met with residents of Elements Retirement Living (Elements) and the Member to discuss access to the public transport network from Elements.

Following this meeting, Translink investigated a number of different options to introduce subsidised services to Elements residents.

Investigations undertaken and completed in September 2024 under the former Labor Government found that new services or changes to existing bus routes would not represent value-for-money by not attracting adequate passengers to warrant the costs of a new bus stop, a modified cul-de-sac to enable the safe turn-around of buses, and the additional operational expenses of realigning an existing service or operating a new service. I am also advised that Elements currently provide a bus service to regional shopping centres, which sees limited use.