

Question on Notice

No. 629

Asked on 10 June 2025

MR L POWER ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS
(HON B MICKELBERG)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister specify the nature and scope of the 'supplementary assessments' currently being undertaken to refine and finalise the Long Distance Passenger Rail business case?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

In October 2020, the Queensland Government began developing a business case for the replacement of rollingstock on the following regional long-distance passenger rail (LDPR) routes which service western Queensland:

- *Westlander* (Brisbane to Charleville)
- *Inlander* (Townsville to Mount Isa)
- *Spirit of the Outback* (Brisbane to Longreach).

Following completion of the LDPR – Western Lines Preliminary Business Case Equivalent (BCE) Report in April 2024, further development work was initiated in mid-2024 by the previous government to explore and enhance several aspects. This work is being progressed through a supplementary BCE analysis. The nature and scope of this supplementary BCE analysis remain the same.