

Question on Notice

No. 1463

Asked on 1 December 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of fines issued for fare evasion (reported separately for each of the last four financial years) and (b) the number of these fines that remain unpaid (reported separately for each of the last three financial years)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Coomera for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads' Translink division (Translink) employs a frontline enforcement workforce of senior network officers (SNOs) who work alongside Queensland Rail authorised officers, Queensland Police Service rail squad officers and staff employed by light rail and bus delivery partners to undertake targeted patrols across the public transport network. To deter potential fare evaders, authorised officers have powers to issue warning notices and penalty infringement notices.

The below table indicates the number of infringement notices for fare evasion issued over the last four financial years.

Financial Year	Fines for Fare Evasion
2018–19	15,432
2019–20	14,793
2020–21	15,773
2021–22	13,962

I am unable to advise the number of fines that remain unpaid as this information sits with the Queensland Revenue Office and the State Penalties Enforcement Registry. This question should be directed to the Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment.