

Question on Notice

No. 873

Asked on 30 August 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Right to Information requests lodged with the Department of Transport and Main Roads in financial year 2021–22—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of applications received, (b) the number of applications that have not been finalised, (c) the average time for an application to be finalised and (d) the shortest and longest time for an application to be finalised?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Broadwater for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to open and transparent government through compliance with the information access provisions under the *Right to Information Act 2009* (the Act). I can advise that, in financial year 2021–22, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR):

- (a) received 630 applications under the Act, 44 of which were considered as being non-compliant, that is, the application fee was not paid or the application did not provide the necessary supporting information, and did not progress
- (b) five of those applications are still being processed in accordance with the Act
- (c) TMR, on average, took 22 business days to finalise an application
- (d) the shortest time to finalise an application was zero business days (finalised on the day it was received). The longest time to finalise an application was 96 business days. This occurred due to the size of the application, which required two charge estimate notices being issued to the applicant and extensive consultations to clarify scope. The application also required consultations with eight third parties. The applicant agreed to an extension of time for finalisation of the application.

TMR administers its Right to Information applications in accordance with its obligations under the Act and releases information informally wherever possible.