

Question on Notice

No. 1075

Asked on 28 September 2004

MRS PRATT asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

With reference to workers compensation and the transport industry—

(1) As a constituent of mine has complained that after four successive phone calls to Queensland Rail the price quoted per employee went from \$450 per annum to \$1400 per annum and as the owner of the trucking business wishes to expand, will he explain why staff cannot give accurate and informative information to its customers?

(2) As the percentages of wages is apparently the benchmark for setting compensation insurance, why, with the same number of proposed new employees during an expansion stage have to pay 4.5 per cent while an opposition company doing the same amount and type of work (Vacuum truck operations) charged at 1.3 per cent?

(3) As the constituent has now had to cut back on two staff and do the work himself as there seems to be no correlation between the size of the company (number of employees) and fees charged, what is the reason?

(4) What are the total number of trucking companies in Queensland currently paying the 1.3 per cent insurance and what is the average cost per company every year for the past three years?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for her question, however, this question does not relate to either Queensland Transport or the Department of Main Roads.

This question should be referred to the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations.