

Question on Notice

No. 675

Asked on 16 June 2004

MISS SIMPSON asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

For each of the last three years and including the year to date, will he provide details on (a) the number of random motor vehicle checks for roadworthiness performed by Queensland Transport, by region, (b) as a result of the random checks, the number of motor vehicles that were registered as having serious defects, by region and (c) as a result of the random checks, the number of motorists that received infringement notice or were issued with repair orders, by region?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

During the period between 2001-03, vehicle defects contributed to 1,978 crashes, which is 2.98% of the 66,419 crashes for that period. For same period, vehicle defects contributed to 16 fatalities or 1.67% of the 956 fatalities for those three years.

It is worthwhile noting that there has been a downward trend in crashes and fatalities attributed to vehicle defects. Ongoing work by the Queensland Police Service and Queensland, including random on-road inspections, public education, QT's Smoky Vehicle Hotline, and targeted on-road enforcement, has helped reduce these statistics.

The following data tables are in direct reply to the specific parts of the question.

(a) The number of vehicles intercepted (for random checks) in each region:

	<u>2001/2002</u>	<u>2002/2003</u>	<u>2003/2004</u>
▪ Northern	28674	26159	24452
▪ Central	21147	15504	11326
▪ Southern	36370	20721	17720
▪ South East	73869	60160	42566

(b) The number of defects (classified as major or dangerous) issued per region:

	<u>2001/2002</u>	<u>2002/2003</u>	<u>2003/2004</u>
▪ Northern	180	300	187
▪ Central	285	148	202
▪ Southern	319	249	166
▪ South East	391	363	340

(c) The number of infringement notices/repair orders issued per region:

	<u>2001/2002</u>	<u>2002/2003</u>	<u>2003/2004</u>
▪ Northern	320	275	420
▪ Central	257	153	231
▪ Southern	315	245	243
▪ South East	514	519	435