

**Question on Notice
No. 761
Asked on 18 June 2004**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to vandalism at Kingston Railway Station—

Are there any additional security measures being undertaken or proposed to reduce destruction of railway property, in particular, damage to the lift?

ANSWER:

A number of significant security-related upgrades have been undertaken at Kingston station over the past few years as part of the Citytrain Safe Stations project.

The Citytrain Safe Stations project seeks to address Citytrain users' personal safety and security concerns by attempting to reduce assaults, graffiti, vandalism, and theft of motor vehicles through various initiatives. At Kingston station, this initiative has funded lighting upgrades and increased the number of CCTV cameras located at the station to 36, including three cameras providing coverage of the lifts.

In addition, a private security guard with a dog provides a security presence at the station various days between 5am and 7pm.

Given the success of these initiatives there are no immediate plans for additional security measures for Kingston railway station.

Other initiatives designed to improve security on the Citytrain network, which benefit users of Kingston station, include the introduction of the police rail squad and "Guardian Trains". The primary role of the police rail squad is to provide a high profile uniform presence on the Citytrain network, and to identify and deter potential criminal and anti-social behaviour.

"Guardian Trains" are nominated services departing from Central Station at about 7:30pm, 9:30pm and 11.30pm nightly on each line. These services are patrolled by pairs of private security guards, and are identified on train timetables.

In addition, night train services are regularly patrolled by police officers and Citytrain ticket inspectors. Guards also regularly monitor passenger behavior on trains via the onboard CCTV surveillance systems and by roaming the carriages during the off-peak services. Safety on these services is further improved by the closure of selected carriages to increase the number of passengers in each carriage.