

Question on Notice

No. 1052

Asked on 08 June 2006

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

QUESTION:

As it is now 20 months since the derailment of the City of Townsville tilt train, (a) what action has been taken with the drivers, (b) how many passengers have been compensated to date, (c) what is the total value of passenger compensation to date, (d) how many passenger compensation matters remain outstanding, (e) how many staff have been compensated to date, (f) what is the total value of staff compensation to date, (g) how many staff compensation matters remain outstanding and (h) has any compensation been paid to the drivers; if so, how much?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for his question.

Queensland Rail have advised that-

- (a) Both drivers were injured in the accident. The second driver is back on normal duties after undergoing a thorough support process. The driver who was at the controls is still undergoing rehabilitation.
- (b) 79 passenger claims have been finalised. A further thirty-five (35) passengers have had monies paid in respect of their claims which have not yet been finalised.
- (c) The total value of passenger compensation to date is \$593, 363 (includes legal, medical, property and other expenses but excludes adjuster's fees).
- (d) There are 31 outstanding passenger compensation matters which will be finalised in the near future.
- (e) Six (6) staff members have received compensation for property losses and/or Workers Compensation benefits.
- (f) The total value of staff compensation to date is \$278 772 in Workers Compensation benefits. This figure excludes \$1634 for property losses.
- (g) Four (4) Workers Compensation matters remain outstanding from the six staff who submitted claims.
- (h) For privacy reasons it is not appropriate to provide further detail in answer to this sub-question. However, drivers have been included in the answer to this question.