

Question on Notice

No. 164

Asked on 28 February 2006

MR HOPPER asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS) -

QUESTION:

With reference to his answer to Question on Notice No. 2003, asked on 1 December 2005, in which no details were provided on the number and location of traffic lights equipped with emergency services activated priority and in response to Question on Notice No. 1851, of 2003, from the then Member for Keppel and information of this nature was provided by the previous Minister on this important issue and at the time of the question, the previous Minister advised there were seven Main Roads traffic lights that were equipped with emergency services activated traffic priority -

What is the number and location (reported separately) of each of the Main Roads traffic lights equipped with emergency services activated traffic priority in Queensland?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Darling Downs for the question. In response to your previous question, I respectfully referred the Honourable Member to the answer to the similar question put to the former Minister which contained details requested by the Member. This information remains current. Responding to questions of this nature, that do not raise a specific concern, when the Member has every opportunity to do so, distracts from the operational duties of the department officers when they are being called on to deliver a number of priority projects over and above the existing roads program as detailed in the \$10.5 billion Roads Implementation program launched by the Premier in November 2005.

The department advises that other facilities are located at Cook Highway/Stanton Road intersection and Anderson Street, Cairns; Alice/Lennox Streets, Maryborough; Bruce Highway/Yeppoon Road intersection; Southport/Nerang Road; Kitchener Street, Herries/Victoria/Herries/Ruthven Streets intersections, Highfields Road/New England Highway, Toowoomba; Burdekin River Bridge; Ingelwood; and in Brisbane, at the following locations: intersection of Young Street and Anzac Avenue/Anzac Avenue and Station Street; intersection of South Pine Road/Eatons Crossing Road and South Pine Road/Bunya Park Drive; intersection of Kingston Road/Moss Street/Kingston Road and Park Road; Nicklin Way/Palkana Drive; Deception Bay Road; Lower King Street; Caloundra Road; Nicklin Way Fire Station; Maroochydore Road roundabout.

Again I invite the Member to raise directly with me any situation he is aware of where priority needs to be given to emergency vehicles and I will direct the Department of Main Roads to work with emergency services to address this.