

Question on Notice

No. 225

Asked on 2 March 2006

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

QUESTION:

As the State Government is serious about saving lives on our roads—
Will he provide details of the recent road safety summit and the outcomes from that summit?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for her question-

The Queensland Government held a Road Safety Summit on 21-22 February 2006 here at Parliament House in Brisbane. The Summit focused on a number of at-risk behaviours and groups that evidence suggests offers the greatest opportunities to improve the road toll.

Key community and industry representatives participated in the 2006 Summit. Organisations included the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland, Local Government Association of Queensland, the Australian Medical Association - Queensland, the Motorcycle Riders Association, Older People Speak Out, Insurance Australia Group, the Queensland Trucking Association and the driver training industry. Also represented were eleven different Queensland Government agencies. The variety of input greatly contributed to the quality of the advice now under consideration.

A number of experts provided the Summit with their own unique perspectives on a range of topics. Shem Aitken told the delegates of his own personal experience living with the impacts of road trauma, while Gary Fites of the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland gave a road safety poll presentation which they conducted with their members prior to the Summit.

Following the Summit, the Honourable Peter Beattie MP, Premier of Queensland, announced the first range of initiatives aimed at reducing the road toll, including:

- Introducing *Campaign 300* as a signature public education campaign arising from the Summit
- Requiring alcohol ignition interlocks to be installed in repeat drink driver offender vehicles
- Installing an extra 1000km of audible line marking
- Double demerit points (on the second occasion) for drivers who incur more than one speeding conviction for travelling in excess of 20km/h over the speed limit, within a twelve month period
- Extending the Safer Roads Sooner program to remove vegetation from the side of the road, install crash barriers, and build rest stops.

Following the Summit, the Government received much positive media coverage of the Summit outcomes in newspapers, radio, and on television across both metropolitan and regional areas of the state. Additionally, media outlets have engaged the community and there has been much commentary about the Summit and the proposed initiatives to improve road safety for all Queenslanders.

Feedback to date has been extremely positive. 451 submissions have been received from interested members of the community which is an overwhelming response.

All advice is presently being considered and will feed into a Road Safety Summit Action Plan 2006-2007 which is on track to be released to the public in the second half of this year.