

Question on Notice

No. 525

Asked on 19 April 2006

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

QUESTION

- (1) Will he release a copy of the surveillance tape of an assault which took place at the Nambour Railway Station on 1 May 2005 at approximately 10am?
- (2) Will he outline whether the police were advised of this tape and what follow up action took place involving the participants following this alleged assault?
- (3) Was 4.18 of the Code of Conduct, p17, followed?

Answer

I thank the Honourable Member for her question-

I have sought advice on the incident and provide the following information:

- (1) No. For security and privacy reasons surveillance footage is not made generally available to the public. However the tapes, where available, are provided to Queensland Police Service should they request it.
- (2) As far as QR is aware, there was no official complaint made to QPS nor has QPS approached QR requesting the footage.

QPS is aware that security cameras are in place in many locations on the QR urban rail network. In the event that a formal complaint is made to QPS, QPS can request the CCTV footage - in compliance with legal requirements and under a protocol in place between QR and QPS. In following this procedure QR does not expose itself to legal proceedings such as breach of privacy.

QR management was advised of the incident via an anonymous phone call, an anonymous letter and an anonymous complaint to the CMC. The CMC referred it to QR to deal with.

Under Section 4.18 of QR's Code of Conduct, which refers to the process of reporting official misconduct, conduct in the workplace that breaches discipline or criminal offences are referred to Corporate Counsel for investigation and can be referred to the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC).

In this instance the matter was referred to Corporate Counsel.

I am advised that the incident involved a youth breaching railway legislation by riding a bicycle on the platform. This action had the potential to create a serious safety risk for the rider, station staff and members of the public using the station.

The matter was dealt with in accordance with the QR People Performance Framework (PPF).

The members of the public who advised QR management of the incident did so anonymously and therefore could not be contacted.

(3) Yes