

Question on Notice

No. 536

Asked on Thursday 15 March 2007

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

QUESTION:

If a person in Maryborough buys a vehicle that is on the written off vehicle register (WOVR) and as the closest inspection station to have it removed from the register is Nambour, which is a two hour drive and Queensland Transport in Maryborough have a long history of vehicle inspections, will he allow Queensland Transport Maryborough to use the services of his inspection officers?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question-

Since September 2002 Written-off vehicle inspections have been provided in Queensland by a private company, Queensland Inspection Services (QIS) under a Deed of Agreement with Queensland Transport (QT).

On 28 February 2007, QT released a new Request to Offer to provide written-off vehicle inspection services in Queensland for the next 3 years and an inspection site in the Maryborough - Hervey Bay area has been included as one of the sites that will be required as a minimum.

QIS has constantly monitored the demand for inspection services and have attempted to meet the demands of clients. When there has been sufficient volume in an un-serviced area, additional inspection sites were considered.

Due to requests from the public and the volume of inspections required, additional sites were established in Cairns, at Bli Bli on the Sunshine Coast and at Stephens (near Burleigh) on the Gold Coast.

QIS has advised QT that they had identified a significant increase in the number of requests for inspections in the Maryborough - Hervey Bay area and that they are looking for a suitable site.

On occasions, if a customer in a remote area or a number of people in an area not normally serviced by QIS, have required inspections, QIS have arranged to have the vehicles inspected by QIS examiners at local QT inspection centres.