

Question on Notice

No. 688

Asked on 22 May 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to sports and playground facilities, which are popular with children and attract large numbers of people and are often located close to a main road –

Will he look into the possibility of placing signs up around such areas to alert drivers of the possible potential danger of a child running into their path?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maryborough for the question.

The Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the national standard for road signage, provides for the use of warning signs to warn motorists of the likely presence of pedestrians on or crossing the road other than at a specific pedestrian facility.

In the case of a playground, the "Children" warning sign together with the "Playground" supplementary plate may be used to warn motorists of children on or crossing the road near a playground.

To guard against the over use of warning signs, the need for such warning signs near playgrounds should be assessed individually by the relevant controlling authority of the road. Warning signs are normally not provided where the likely presence of pedestrians is obvious.

A pictorial representation of the above two signs, mounted together, is attached.

If the Honourable Member is aware of a particular location on a state-controlled road where he believes such a sign would be warranted I encourage him to bring it to my attention.

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