

Question on Notice

No. 806

Asked on Thursday, 24 May 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent upgrade of the M1 between Boundary Road and Uhlman Road, Burpengary—

Will he advise if and when the weighbridges located at Burpengary will be upgraded?

ANSWER:

The Burpengary weighbridges are strategically located to monitor heavy vehicle traffic on the major north/south freight corridor. The Queensland Government is committed to the protection of our road infrastructure and public safety on Queensland's road network and weighbridges assist this.

Queensland Transport and the Department of Main Roads (DMR) have commenced an upgrade of the sites in conjunction with the Bruce Highway Upgrade. DMR has allocated funding of \$598,000 for electronic signage, in addition to work conducted to increase safe vehicle entry and exit to the sites. Signage, refurbishment of the weigh platforms, and recalibration of the weighbridge scales for both the North and South bound interception sites is expected to be completed by early 2008 as part of this funding allocation.

During works on the Bruce Highway and the Burpengary weighbridges, additional staff have been allocated to Maroochydore and Zillmere compliance centres to operate intercept sites at Gympie and Brendale and provide increased patrols of the highway. Compliance vehicles are equipped with portable scales to enable weighing of heavy vehicles at sites where weigh platforms are not available.

I am also pleased to announce that in the State Budget delivered on 5 June, Queensland Transport has received funding to employ 10 additional Transport Inspectors to enhance our compliance activity across the State.