

Question on Notice

No. 1468

Asked on 9 October 2008

MISS SIMPSON asked the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (MR PITT) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the heavy vehicle restrictions on the Granard/Kessels/Mt Gravatt/Capalaba Roads Corridor (Brisbane Urban Corridor) - Will he provide comparative statistics for heavy vehicle transport use of this route (a) before and after the commencement of the 'through traffic' ban on 13 April 2007 and (b) before and after the cessation of the free night-toll on 31 December 2007?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

Main Roads advises the following numbers of heavy vehicles of Class 4 (three axle trucks) or larger at the automatic counting sites on Riawena and Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Roads.

Before the 'through traffic' restriction began on 13 April 2007, there were 2648 heavy vehicles a day at Riawena Road, with 2359 heavy vehicles a day at Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road.

After the through-truck restriction was officially enacted on 13 April 2007 and before the conclusion of the night-time toll-free trial on 31 December 2007, there were 2344 heavy vehicles a day at Riawena Road and 2104 heavy vehicles a day at Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road.

At the conclusion of the night toll-free period on 31 December 2007, there were 2565 vehicles a day (a reduction of 83 vehicles) recorded at the tracking point at Riawena Road and 2265 vehicles a day (a reduction of 94 vehicles) at the Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road recording point.

In summary, there was an average reduction of 94 vehicles along the entire Brisbane Urban Corridor (BUC) of Class 4 and above after the conclusion of the night-time toll-free period on 31 December 2007.

The through-truck restriction is having a positive effect on local residents by removing up to 94 heavy vehicles a day from the BUC. This equates to the removal of approximately 658 heavy vehicles a week from this busy but important corridor.