

Question on Notice

No. 444

Asked on Tuesday 15 April 2008

MR FOLEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL) —

QUESTION:

With many constituents concerned for their own and others' safety when arriving or departing from the Maryborough Transit Centre in Lennox Street, due to the state of the facilities and aggressive and intoxicated persons abusing travellers, what plans does his department have to remedy this?

ANSWER:

I am advised the transit centre in Lennox Street, Maryborough comprises two areas. The open hardstand area owned and maintained by Queensland Transport, and the undercover area, owned and maintained by Queensland Rail. The Queensland Rail area includes the platforms, rail booking office, waiting areas and toilets.

The main bus operators using the transit centre are Queensland Rail, Wide Bay Transit, Suntuours, Greyhound and Premier Motor Services.

I am advised Queensland Transport recently upgraded the lighting in the hardstand area to improve security for all users.

I am further advised Queensland Transport and Queensland Rail staff are currently reviewing the arrangements within the transit centre with a view to further improving security and amenity. Any work undertaken will be complimentary to the existing architecture of the site.

Queensland Transport and Queensland Rail are meeting with local police and stakeholders to review security arrangements at the transit centre.

The issue of intoxicated individuals in a public place such as the transit centre is a matter for the local police who have the authority and power to deal with them, and incidents can be reported to them.

I am advised the Maryborough Transit Centre is recorded by the police as a location to be patrolled both day and night. In addition, patrols respond to calls from the public, transport operators, bus drivers and Queensland Rail staff.