

## Question on Notice

No. 473

Asked on Tuesday 15 April 2008

MR NICHOLLS asked the Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations (MR MICKEL)

QUESTION:

With reference to railway level crossings (including cane crossings)—

Will he provide in table form the (a) locations and number of crossings in metropolitan, rural and remote areas (listed separately and separated into active and passive types), (b) locations and number of crossings with active (i) signals and boom gate (ii) signals only and (iii) boom gate only, (b) locations and number of crossings with passive (i) signs and pavement markings, (ii) signs only and (iii) pavement markings only and (c) the locations and financial cost to the Queensland Government of accidents at level railway crossings each year since 2003?

ANSWER:

I am advised the following summary tables indicate the levels of safety protection on open level crossings across the QR Network:

### Actively Controlled

| Count of Xing Id: | Region |       |             |
|-------------------|--------|-------|-------------|
| Control:          | metro  | rural | Grand Total |
| flashing lights   | 5      | 327   | 332         |
| FL – boom         | 65     | 127   | 192         |
| FL – Dbl boom     |        | 10    | 10          |
| Sub Total         | 70     | 464   | 534         |

### Passive Controlled

| Count of Xing Id:   | Region |       |             |
|---------------------|--------|-------|-------------|
| Control:            | metro  | rural | Grand Total |
| signs               | 26     | 1222  | 1248        |
| signs & locked gate | 2      | 1     | 3           |
| Sub Total           | 28     | 1223  | 1251        |

### Mid-Section Pedestrian Crossings

| Count of Xing Id: | Region |       |             |
|-------------------|--------|-------|-------------|
| Type:             | metro  | rural | Grand Total |
| Ped               | 22     | 91    | 113         |
| Sub Total         | 22     | 91    | 113         |

|   |       |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
|   | metro | rural | total |
| <b>Grand Total<br/>Public Crossings</b> | 120   | 1778  | 1898  |

I am advised that this data does not include any information on cane railway crossings as these do not fall under Queensland Transport or QR Network's jurisdiction.

- Metro - designated as crossings north of the Gold Coast, south of Caboolture and east of Rosewood.
- Rural and Remote - QR Network does not differentiate between a rural and a remote level crossing – all crossings outside of the metro area are classified as rural.
- Passive crossings are controlled by the use of Stop or Give Way signage, which is in line with the legislative requirement. Pavement markings are used on bitumen roads.

QR advises that none of the accident events at open level crossings that have occurred have been the result of a failure of the active controls. In addition, appropriate signage (in accordance to the relevant national safety standards) was in place for all incidents occurring at passive crossings.

All QR Limited level crossings are safety assessed, in line with the Australian Level Crossing Assessment model.

I am advised that QR Limited assets are repaired and replaced through maintenance budgets.