

Question on Notice

No. 1481

Asked on Thursday 8 October 2009

MR SEENEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide traffic volume figures for the Burnett Highway measured between Biloela and Goomeri over the last five years?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Callide for the question.

Planning for the future is a priority for the Department of Transport and Main Roads. In managing Queensland's largest community asset, the state-controlled road network, a number of aspects are considered including balancing economic, social and environmental outcomes.

To do this data on the 33,500 kilometres of state controlled roads is routinely collected and analysed. Data includes the type and nature of vehicles using the road, the traffic volumes and increases, and the purpose the road is most frequently used for, for example, freight or tourism. Traffic figures include light vehicles, heavy truck traffic, trucks, buses, articulated vehicles and road trains.

Traffic volumes on the Burnett Highway between Biloela and Goomeri are collected annually. The traffic figures are recorded at various locations and comparisons in traffic volumes and percentage increases can be analysed. A copy of the detailed Traffic Analysis report has been send to your electoral office.

A summary of the traffic volumes recorded closest to Biloela and Goomeri and half way at Ban Ban Springs is provided below.

10km south of Thangool, just south of Biloela

2004 - 551 vehicles per day
2005 - 632 vehicles per day
2006 - 586 vehicles per day
2007 - 669 vehicles per day
2008 - 685 vehicles per day

Ban Ban Springs

2004 – 1,047 vehicles per day
2005 – 1,043 vehicles per day
2006 – 1,061 vehicles per day
2007 – 1,088 vehicles per day
2008 – 1,133 vehicles per day

Chippendale Creek, one kilometre from Goomeri

2004 – 760 vehicles per day

2005 – 773 vehicles per day

2006 – 1223 vehicles per day

2007 – 830 vehicles per day

2008 – 867 vehicles per day