

Question on Notice

No. 536

Asked on Thursday, 8 August 2013

MR JUDGE asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR EMERSON) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the risk assessment methodology to prioritise schools for flashing school zones—

Will the Minister provide justification for each of the schools that have either received or been nominated to receive such lights ahead of Moorooka State Primary School and Mary Immaculate Primary School, both perilously situated in Beaudesert Road and Ipswich Road respectively in Yeerongpilly Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Yeerongpilly for the question.

The Queensland Government has committed \$10 million over four years to allow for the installation of flashing light school zone signs at over 300 schools (approximately 330 existing school zones) across the state. In addition to this, the government is installing the signs at schools on multi-lane roads that have existing school zones and at all split campus schools. The flashing signs are effective in alerting motorists to the school zone and encouraging reduced vehicle speeds through the zones.

Over the next three years, existing school zones to be treated with flashing lights will be prioritised based on a risk assessment of crash history, car and pedestrian volumes, speed limits, road environment characteristics and input from the community including schools, councils and local members of Parliament.

The funding provided for this program is to install flashing lights at existing school zones only. As there are currently no existing school zones on either Beaudesert Road for Moorooka State School or on Ipswich Road for Mary Immaculate Primary School, these roads do not meet the criteria for the installation of flashing light school zone signage.

I am pleased to inform you that Wellers Hill State School will be receiving flashing school lights by the end of financial year 2013-14.

I assure the Member for Yeerongpilly that all schools with existing school zones in the Yeerongpilly electorate will be considered during future phases of the program. More announcements will be made as the Department of Transport and Main Roads continues to roll out the program.