

Question on Notice

No. 744

Asked on Thursday, 17 October 2013

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail the number of shipping movements through the inner route of the Great Barrier Reef in each of July, August and September 2013, including the ports of origin and destination?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Rockhampton for the question.

The number of commercial vessels of over 50 metres in length transiting through the Inner Route which is defined as being between Cape York and Cairns for the months of July, August and September 2013 was 242, 230, 216 respectively.

The Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait Vessel Traffic Service (REEFVTS) does not record originating last port and next port information. Many ships transiting this area pass through the REEFVTS area without visiting a Queensland Port.