

Question on Notice

No. 850

Asked on Wednesday, 20 November 2013

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister (a) detail the number of shipping movements through the inner route of the Great Barrier Reef between Cairns and Gladstone in July, August, September and October 2013 (each month listed separately) and (b) advise how many of these ships utilised the shipping route while never stopping in a Queensland port?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for South Brisbane for the question.

The number of commercial vessels of over 50m in length transiting through any portion of the inner route of the Great Barrier Reef between Cairns and Gladstone is listed in the following table:

July 2013	August 2013	September 2013	October 2013
335	321	330	354

These figures do not include vessels which entered via Palm Passage to the ports of Lucinda or Townsville, or vessels entering via Hydrographers Channel to Mackay or Hay Point.

The system that tracks vessels through the Great Barrier Reef area can only determine if the ship is going into a port within the Great Barrier Reef area, as such Queensland ports in the Gulf of Carpentaria and the Port of Brisbane are excluded from its statistics. However, the number of vessels included in the above totals, which did not stop at any port within the Great Barrier Reef area (this includes all ports Cairns to Gladstone) is listed in the following table:

July 2013	August 2013	September 2013	October 2013
82	72	77	80