

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 364**

**Asked on Thursday, 8 May 2014**

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

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the recent level crossing boom gate strike on South Pine Road Strathpine—

Will the Minister outline what steps the government is taking to improve safety at Queensland level crossings and minimise delays caused by boom gate strikes?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Pine Rivers for the question.

From 10 March 2014, Queensland Rail introduced a new procedure at railway crossings across the state to keep trains moving when these incidents occur. If a motorist strikes a boom gate, trains will be directed to safely pass through the railway crossing at a restricted speed of 5km per hour provided all other signs and signals are operational.

This procedure has been adopted from the Australian Network Rules and Procedures and follows similar successful implementations in other states around the country.

Queensland Rail has a range of level crossing improvement works underway including upgrades at key crossings throughout the network. Further to this, Queensland Rail is working with the Department of Main Roads and local councils in proving grade-separated solutions at Telegraph Road and Newman Road, decommissioning the associated level crossings and improving safety in these areas.

Queensland Rail has in place, positioned throughout the network, rapid response teams who hold the required technical expertise to deal with issues such as these promptly. During outages on the rail network, safety remains the highest priority and our team work hard to ensure that our customers arrive at their destination safely.