

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 374**  
**Asked on 20 May 2014**

MR WELLINGTON asked the Premier (MR NEWMAN)—

With reference to the Peregrine Springs State School which is experiencing significant student pressure in its limited school site and the Department of Transport and Main Roads which will only support a supervised road crossing adjacent to the recreation club, if it is staffed by volunteers or paid from separate funds—

Will the Premier investigate the request for a supervised road crossing adjacent to the recreation club to operate during normal morning and afternoon school drop off and pick up school times, paid for by the State Government?

ANSWER:

I am advised that Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Road Safety Officers recently undertook a risk assessment at The Avenue, Peregrine Beach State School, to determine eligibility for a supervised children's crossing.

The assessment takes into consideration an individual school's situation by using objective criteria linked to the road safety risks common around schools. These include vehicle speed, pedestrian and traffic volume and visibility (road design and fixed hazards).

The risk assessment provides a rating of high, medium or low level of risk for the particular location. All risk assessments are prioritised on a state-wide basis and Peregrine Springs State School returned a medium risk rating. Currently, schools that are determined to have a higher risk within the priority listing are given precedence.

Due to the current level of State debt, left by the previous government, and the financial constraints imposed to fix the State's finances, TMR advise there is no capacity to open additional crossings at this time.

A school may elect to utilise volunteer or school paid crossing supervisors in the interim. If the school takes such a step, TMR Road Safety Officers can facilitate the establishment of a children's crossing with the local road authority and assist with the training and authorisation of the crossing supervisors.

I understand that TMR Road Safety Officers have met on several occasions with the Peregrine Beach State School Principal and P&C representatives, Sunshine Coast Council and Queensland Police Service to discuss options to improve the safety of students travelling to and from school.

As a result, a number of safety enhancements have been implemented at Peregrine Beach State School which include improvements in line marking, signage in the car park, removal of foliage and the provision of road safety educational information.

TMR Road Safety Officers will continue to monitor the situation at the school and work closely with the local council and school community to maximise safety for all road users within the vicinity of the school.