

Question on Notice

No. 43

Asked on Wednesday, 12 February 2014

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

QUESTION:

How many families have had their car registration frozen during the 2013 calendar year and how has this assisted Queensland families struggling with the cost of living?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Sunnybank for the question.

Assisting Queenslanders with the cost of living is a key platform for this government. On 1 July 2012 we delivered on our promise by introducing a three-year freeze on motor vehicle registration fees. This assists Queenslanders with the cost of living by holding the price of the registration fee over the term of the freeze and delivering real relief from cost of living pressures.

The freeze applies to all passenger cars and light commercial vehicles (including utilities and minibuses not over 4.5 tonnes) registered with a 'private' purpose of use.

In 2013, some 2,884,613 registrations, affecting 2,253,200 Queenslanders have benefited from the freeze.

Over the first two financial years of the three-year freeze, registered operators will save \$20.30 for a four cylinder vehicle, \$30.25 for a six cylinder vehicle and \$41.15 for an eight cylinder vehicle.

In the 2012-13 financial year the initiative has saved Queenslanders \$12.798 million in registration costs. It is estimated that the freeze will save Queenslanders up to \$139 million over the life of the initiative.