

Question on Notice

No. 602

Asked on Thursday, 7 August 2014

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on how the speed limit review is progressing?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Warrego for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is reviewing the speed limits of 100 priority road sections across Queensland after the government received over 3300 submissions from the public in response to community consultation in 2013.

As at 11 August 2014, 62 of the 100 road sections have been reviewed and the results published online at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SpeedLimitReview

All reviews are completed by trained safety engineers in line with the Queensland speed limit setting guidelines and are endorsed by local Speed Management Committees.

Of the 62 completed reviews, the vast majority (40) found the current posted speed limit was appropriate and will be retained.

22 reviews have identified potential speed limit changes to better align the posted speed limits with the road function and environment.

Six reviews have recommended a speed limit decrease in response to high crash rates or constrained road geometry. 11 have recommended an increased speed limit where there have been recent road safety upgrades. While five have recommended a rationalisation of speed zones to decrease the number of speed limit changes across a stretch of road.

The remaining 38 reviews will be completed later this year with the results published online when available.

Motorists must always abide by the posted speed limits. Proposed speed limit changes will be implemented progressively over the coming weeks.

Speeding in excess of the posted speed limit is illegal and dangerous. Speed is consistently a top contributing factor to serious crashes on our roads. Speed limit increases are only considered where the road environment is deemed safe due to road improvements and upgrades.