

Question on Notice

No. 72

Asked on Thursday, 13 February 2014

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Gold Coast Suns matches at Metricon Stadium—

Will the Minister advise why patrons using the park and ride service at Nerang railway station are unable to park their vehicles at the Nerang railway station?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gaven for the question.

Queensland Rail provides parking at its stations for rail customers, as such their needs must always be prioritised.

Security staff have been responsible for managing the car parking at Nerang Railway Station during events. However, the process was reviewed in April last year and since then customers have been able to obtain car parking on a “first in first served” basis.

Queensland Rail continues to review each event based on the timing of the event, the anticipated crowd and whether there are any other events on in the SEQ area to determine whether security is required to retain some non-event customer car parking.

During events at Metricon stadium, there is potential for the commuter car park at the station to be filled to capacity by patrons for these events. This can lead to zero available car parking spaces for Queensland Rail customers such as customers catching a train to Helensvale shopping centre, Brisbane, the Airport and those attending other SEQ Special/sporting Events

Metricon patrons are able to park at other Gold Coast stations and travel for free on a rail service to Nerang to catch the free shuttle bus service. The following Queensland Rail train stations are designated Park ‘n’ ride locations for Metricon Stadium customers:

- Varsity Lakes (350 car park numbers)
- Helensvale (877 car parks)
- Coomera (565 car parks)
- Ormeau (237 car parks).