

Question on Notice

No. 489

Asked on Thursday, 4 June 2015

MRS FRECKLINGTON asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade (HON J TRAD) —

QUESTION:

With reference to programmed vehicle inspections, which as of 30 April 2015 are no longer available in Kingaroy and as this is an essential service, which was being utilised by 430 operators, such as truck owners, transport companies, motorbike training companies, taxi companies and more—

Will the Minister clarify if a concerted effort will be made to identify another suitable location to allow for vehicle inspections to once again be available in Kingaroy?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Nanango for the question.

I am advised that departmental staff have made a concerted effort to find an alternative site in Kingaroy, however these efforts were unsuccessful. Consequently the department found a suitable site in the nearby town of Wondai.

The department ceased inspecting in Kingaroy due to the expiration of the lease. The owner's business did not wish to renew the lease.

The department would consider providing inspection services in Kingaroy in the future, if a suitable site becomes available. Any site would have to meet certain criteria including accessibility, safety and cost of hire.

The inspections conducted in Kingaroy had customers travelling from other towns within the district and while some customers will have to travel further, others will benefit from shorter travel distances.