

Question on Notice

No. 2216

Asked on Tuesday, 29 November 2016

MR HART asked the Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of passenger ferries in Queensland and the number of these ferries which have defibrillators on board?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) takes passenger safety on public transport very seriously. It is not a legislative requirement in the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994* nor the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* that passenger ferries carry defibrillators on board.

TMR does not have information available pertaining to the number of all ferries operating across Queensland that carry defibrillators on board, as not all passenger ferries operate under contract with TMR.

Out of the 11 vessels operating under contract with TMR, excluding CityCat and CityFerry, seven voluntarily carry defibrillators onboard.

With specific reference to the CityCat and CityFerry services run on the Brisbane River, TMR does provide significant funding towards the operation of these ferries, however the service contract with TransDev (including mandating of onboard equipment) is managed by Brisbane City Council.

While some operators do not carry defibrillators onboard, most have access to a defibrillator, for example:

- at the ferry terminals
- via water ambulance/air sea rescue
- via normal ambulance services (metropolitan ferry services).

It should be noted that ferry staff have basic first aid training (including CPR).