

Question on Notice

No. 1160

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MR C BOYCE ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to irregularities in concessions for registration of farm vehicles and the vehicle categories these concessions apply to, and the primary production vehicle registration concession which applies to vehicles from 6 to 16 tonne gross vehicle mass and requires a Certificate of Inspection every two years instead of annually—

Will the Minister advise why the lower limit for the concession does not correspond with particular categories of vehicles?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Callide for the question.

Primary producers are critical to ensuring the continued prosperity of the Queensland economy. To assist primary producers with the cost associated with running their businesses, the Queensland Government provides various vehicle registration concessions. For example, primary producers may be eligible for either a primary producer or farm plate concession.

The primary producer concession offers a percentage discount off registration fees for eligible vehicles registered to primary producers. Eligible vehicles must be used solely in connection with the production of primary produce. This concession is limited to prime movers and trucks with a gross vehicle mass of 6 tonnes or more, and trailers with an aggregate trailer mass of 4.5 tonnes or more. This limit ensures that eligible vehicles have a carrying capacity that allows for efficient transportation of livestock and produce, and also ensures the ongoing sustainability of the concession scheme. Vehicles registered with a primary producer concession have unrestricted access to the road network.

A farm plate concession offers a flat registration fee for vehicles registered to primary producers that are used on roads in limited circumstances. Vehicles in receipt of a farm plate concession can only be used on roads between parcels of land managed by the primary producer and within strict distance limitations. Farm plate concessions can apply to both light and heavy vehicles.

To ensure the continued safety of heavy vehicles, a regular Certificate of Inspection (COI) is required. A COI ensures that vehicles comply with set safety and maintenance standards. The COI requirements for vehicles registered with either a primary producer or farm plate concession are the same. An initial COI is required for the first registration and is valid for 12 months. After this, a new COI is required every two years. This provides further assistance to primary producers as all other heavy vehicles require a new COI every 12 months.