Question on Notice

No. 1381

Asked on Wednesday 17 October 2018

MR S KNUTH ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the incidents on Tarzali Road on the Millaa Millaa-Malanda Road and Tolga Scrub Road along the Kennedy Highway—

Will the Minister advise (reported separately) (a) how many damaged vehicle claims were made for each incident and (b) how many of those claims have been rejected?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Hill for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is paying compensation for all valid claims submitted for vehicle and property damage caused by sealing issues experienced on Millaa Millaa–Malanda Road and the Kennedy Highway.

As of 23 October 2018, 242 claims have been received for Millaa Millaa–Malanda Road, and 40 claims for the Kennedy Highway.

Of the 242 claims for Millaa Millaa–Malanda Road, 157 were assessed as payable and 26 denied. Of the 26 denied claims, 19 were denied because TMR found appropriate traffic control measures were in place at the time of the claim. A further seven were denied as they did not fall within the date range of the incident. This leaves 59 claims that require additional information and/or further supporting evidence in support. Any legitimate, proven claims will receive compensation.

Of the 40 claims for Kennedy Highway, 10 were assessed as payable and 30 denied. Twenty-three claims were denied because TMR found that appropriate traffic control measures were in place at the time of the claim. A further seven were denied as they did not fall within the date range of the incident.