

Question on Notice

No. 1738

Asked on Thursday 15 November 2018

MR S MINNIKIN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's 'Union Encouragement Policy'—

Will the Minister advise how many new starters with Queensland Rail and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (reported separately) have had their details provided to unions in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 to date?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

Union encouragement provisions are detailed in the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* and the Queensland Government's *Union Encouragement Policy*.

The number of new starters referred who have had their details provided to unions by the Department of Transport and Main Roads is detailed in the table below.

Year	New starters notified to unions
2016–17	582
2017–18	526
2018–19*	122

* Until 16 November 2018.

In June 2015, Queensland Rail published a union encouragement policy which is consistent with Queensland Government agencies.

The number of new starters referred who have had their details provided to unions by Queensland Rail is detailed in the table below.

Year	New starters notified to unions
2016–17	812
2017–18	794
2018–19*	274

* Until 31 October 2018.

Under the Union Encouragement Policy, agencies are to take a positive, supportive role, although ultimately it remains the responsibility of the unions themselves to conduct membership recruitment.