

Question on Notice

No. 196

Asked on Wednesday 27 February 2019

MR P WEIR ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Davidson Street level crossing near the Oakey-Cooyar Road in Oakey, and reported high rates of near misses between trains and drivers in Queensland at this location—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many reportable incidents have occurred and (b) what has been the nature of the incidents that have occurred?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Condamine for the question.

The Oakey–Cooyar Road level crossing in Oakey has active protection in place, including flashing lights. The protections are compliant with national safety regulations and were assessed against the Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model as recently as October 2018.

Two CCTV cameras were also permanently installed at the crossing in February 2018 to further promote safe road user behaviour and monitor activity at the location. Any motorist caught ignoring the crossing's signs and signals faces a \$378 penalty and three demerit points.

While Queensland Rail continues to invest in education, engineering upgrades and innovations—and works with Queensland Police Service on enforcement to improve safety at level crossings—road users also have a key role to play in obeying the signs and signals.

In 2018, there were nine near-miss incidents reported with a motor vehicle at the Oakey–Cooyar Road level crossing. No incidents were reported involving a pedestrian, and no collisions were reported.