

Question on Notice

No. 338

Asked on Tuesday 26 March 2019

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

QUESTION:

With reference to park 'n' ride facilities at Varsity Lakes train station —

Will the Minister advise if (a) any audit to examine commuter demand has been undertaken by the department in the last two years and if so, provide the results (listed separately by year), (b) any audit in (a) determined the current capacity is inadequate for future demand and (c) there are plans for the vacant land adjacent to the station?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) undertakes annual utilisation audits at all 158 park 'n' ride facilities across South East Queensland. The table below highlights the demand at the station for the past two years:

Year of survey	Total number of vehicles
2017	392
2018	486

TMR recognises the need for additional parking at the station and has recently completed planning to formalise and expand the existing temporary car park area. This expansion will see the total parking at the station increase to over 650 car parks.

This follows the upgrades undertaken for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, where 81 car parks were installed on a temporary basis, which are now being converted to permanent and a further 84 new spaces are being added.

TMR's current intention for the vacant land adjacent to the station is to accommodate a future transit orientated development to achieve an integrated development outcome that promotes increased public transport patronage, provides a high level of activation and passive surveillance of the station precinct, and a vibrant and accessible public realm.