

Question on Notice

No. 385

Asked on Wednesday 27 March 2019

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

QUESTION:

With reference to severe overcrowding on the school bus transporting students from the Crows Nest district to schools in Toowoomba or Highfields—

Will the Minister review the number of school bus services to ensure students are safely transported to school and not left unsupervised at bus stops?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Condamine for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has been working with the local bus operator, Bus Queensland, to actively manage the boarding of school bus services operating between Crows Nest and Toowoomba or Highfields.

To manage capacity on particular services, Bus Queensland has reorganised services to support passenger transfers at Hampton. This means that buses will wait at this location for the connecting bus to arrive, so that children are not left unattended or exposed to the elements.

Bus Queensland, in consultation with TMR, implemented these changes to reduce standing time for students on school buses, and to also ensure students are not left unsupervised at bus stops.