

Question on Notice

No. 391

Asked on 27 March 2019

MR S ANDREW asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON S HINCHLIFFE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the concerns of residents and businesses about the impacts of approved Australian Defence Force (ADF) requests to limit visitor access to Stanage Bay for periods of up to a month—

Will the Minister advise what processes are in place to refuse any such requests and to limit the adverse impacts of approved ADF requests?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mirani for the question.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) training exercises and associated logistics are a matter for the ADF and one where the State Government has no jurisdiction. I understand the ADF is proactive in its engagement with Local Governments in the areas in which training is conducted. I note that while Local Governments may receive an economic boost from ADF presence in their communities, I am also aware the ADF impact on local infrastructure can be an issue for Local Governments. These are matters for discussion between Local Governments and the Federal Government.