

**Question on Notice**

**No. 71**

**Asked on Wednesday 5 February 2020**

**MR T WATTS ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Toowoomba Bypass (the Bypass) and James Street in Toowoomba—

Will the Minister advise (a) when the amended John French VC signage will be replaced on the eastbound lanes of the Bypass, (b) when changes to the signal sequencing on James Street will be implemented to reflect changed traffic volumes and driver behaviour following the opening of the Bypass in September 2019, (c) what type of compliance measures will be put in place to prevent heavy vehicles unnecessarily using the existing range crossing to travel through Toowoomba on James Street and (d) when these compliance measures will be put in place?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Toowoomba North for the question.

I am pleased to advise the following.

- a) The signs were re-installed in late-February 2020.
- b) Changes to the signal sequencing on James Street have been gradually implemented and fine-tuned since the Toowoomba Bypass was opened in September 2019. Currently, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is reviewing the traffic light needs of the state-controlled roads through Toowoomba, with priority given to higher-trafficked roads. TMR will continue to make changes as required.
- c) Compliance measures currently consist of spot checks by local TMR transport inspectors to prevent heavy vehicles unnecessarily using the existing range crossing. Traffic volume data gathered by TMR on both James Street and the Toowoomba Bypass suggests a high level of compliance by heavy vehicle operators.
- d) These compliance measures are already in place. TMR will continue to work with local transport inspectors to ensure heavy vehicle compliance.