

Question on Notice

No. 1255

Asked on 8 November 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Road Corridor Permits—

Will the Minister advise (a) the average approval time and the longest approval time, (reported separately for 2021–22 and 2022–23 to date) and (b) the department's KPI target for Road Corridor Permits approval time for this financial year?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

In certain circumstances, third parties may locate a structure, or thing, or undertake an activity in state-controlled road corridors. These structures and activities are known as ancillary works and encroachments, and include any structure, thing, or activity within the road boundary.

Departmental approval is required under section 50 of the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994* if any of the following occur within the boundaries of a state-controlled road:

- undertaking an activity
- locating or constructing a structure, or thing
- maintaining a structure, or thing
- upgrading a structure, or thing
- operating a structure, or thing.

Table 1 outlines the average approval time and the longest approval time for road corridor permits statewide, reported separately for 2021–22 and 2022–23 to date.

Average road corridor permit approval time 2021–22	Longest road corridor permit approval time 2021–22	Average road corridor permit approval time 2022–23 (1 July 22–10 November 22)	Longest road corridor permit approval time 2022–23 (1 July 22–10 November 22)
10 days	182 days	7 days	50 days

This data does not include applications still being processed, only those that have been completed. The above data is displayed in calendar days, not business days, and does not make allowances for public holidays, or compulsory closures. The data is inclusive of wait times for applicants to submit additional information. Reasons for longer road corridor permit approvals included additional information required from customer, approval for Public Utility Plant applications, finance and scope approvals.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads' Permit for Access to Road and Corridor system has a service level agreement (business agreed timeframe) processing time of 55 calendar days from submission.