

Question on Notice

No. 1453

Asked on 1 December 2022

MRS D FRECKLINGTON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the announcement that the Department of Transport and Main Roads is closing down 23 Driver Reviver Sites across Queensland—

Will the Minister clarify why the Yarraman Driver Reviver is being closed, given this service uses a brand-new van funded in 2021 by the former Federal Government's Driver Reviver Site Upgrade Program?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Nanango for the question.

The Yarraman Driver Reviver facility is not owned by TMR, and the operation of this site in the Driver Reviver Program is the responsibility of the Victorian State Emergency Services which own the Driver Reviver trademark and oversee the program. TMR will continue to support the Yarraman Driver Reviver volunteers and the Driver Reviver Program National Coordinator to promote driver reviver and other road safety messages during holiday campaigns and activations.

Finally, it is important to note, there are over 450 rest areas on Queensland roads, maintaining a convenient roadside location for travellers to stop and take a fatigue break. In addition, the jointly funded Road Safety Program has committed \$37.9 million (Australian Government 80 per cent, State Government 20 per cent) to the Rest Area Upgrade Program (RAUP). The Palaszczuk Government has contributed \$7.58 million towards the RAUP, which provides new and/or upgrades to existing roadside amenities, to encourage drivers to stop and rest. The Road Safety Program will deliver proactive and reactive road safety treatments to reduce related road crashes and address the issue of fatigue for all Queensland motorists.