

Question on Notice

No. 321

Asked on 30 March 2022

MR R KATTER ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to young people and job-seekers needing to sit their practical driving tests (PDT) being told there are no tests available in Mount Isa or surrounds for the foreseeable future due to the lack of Transport and Main Roads driving examiners in North West Queensland—

Will the Minister advise when the department will appoint locally-based full-time driving examiners in Mount Isa to meet the ongoing demand for this service?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Traeger for the question.

All CSCs, including Mount Isa, are experiencing increased wait times due to the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the availability of staff. TMR is doing everything possible to reduce wait times, including recruiting additional driving examiners.

The Mount Isa CSC has attempted to recruit for the driving examiner position on two separate occasions, with no suitable applicants identified. TMR is utilising additional driving examiners from Cloncurry, Townsville and Cairns as well as continuing with the driving examiner recruitment process.