

Question on Notice

No. 777

Asked on 14 June 2023

MS F SIMPSON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister confirm the number of accidents and fatalities recorded since the new e-scooter laws were introduced on 1 November 2022 for Sunshine Coast and Queensland?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

Data on road accidents and fatalities is provided to the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) by the Queensland Police Service (QPS). Due to the time required for police investigations to be completed and crash data to be finalised, data related to road accidents and fatalities involving Personal Mobility Devices (PMD) since the introduction of the new laws on 1 November 2022, has not yet been made available to TMR.

Fatalities involving e-scooters have been widely reported in broadsheet media.

Early last year, the Palaszczuk Government announced new measures to better regulate e-scooters and PMDs. In October, in line with changes coming into effect, such as speed limits on footpaths, an education campaign on the changes was run to raise awareness with PMD users. The campaign—which ran from 24 October 2022 to 20 November 2022—used a combination of media channels to reach PMD users to educate them on the new laws and fines.