Question on Notice

No. 802

Asked on 15 June 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (reported separately by month) (a) the number of Queensland Rail train drivers and guards who have undergone a drug and alcohol test since 1 July 2019, (b) the number of positive detections and (c) the number of individuals who have refused to undertake a test?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

Safety is Queensland Rail's number one priority, with all employees and contractors required to be fit-for-work at all times while on duty. This includes having a zero concentration of alcohol and a level of other drugs under the target concentration level as outlined in the Australian Standard 4760.

The number of traincrew who underwent Alcohol and Other Drugs testing from 1 July 2019 to 31 May 2023 (reported separately by month) is as follows:

- July 2019 169
- August 2019 108
- September 2019 124
- October 2019 140
- November 2019 132
- December 2019 114
- January 2020 80
- February 2020 109
- March 2020 116
- April 2020 134
- May 2020 132
- June 2020 171
- July 2020 93
- August 2020 97
- September 2020 57
- October 2020 70
- November 2020 109
- December 2020 80
- January 2021 68
- February 2021 104
- March 2021 100
- April 2021 59
- May 2021 102
- June 2021 92
- July 2021 98
- August 2021 44
- September 2021 63
- October 2021 98

- November 2021 79
- December 2021 69
- January 2022 83
- February 2022 49
- March 2022 107
- April 2022 79
- May 2022 87
- June 2022 96
- July 2022 87
- August 2022 97
- September 2022 54
- October 2022 150
- November 2022 100
- December 2022 79
- January 2023 90
- February 2023 116
- March 2023 139
- April 2023 101
- May 2023 80.
- TOTAL 4605

Between July 2019 and May 2023, a total of nine positive test results have been recorded, one each in the following months: August 2019, May 2020, June 2020, November 2020, May 2021, October 2021, March 2022, April 2022 and May 2022.

Over the same period there have been no refusals by traincrew to test.