

Question on Notice

No. 887

Asked on 22 August 2023

MR A POWELL ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the equipment located on the Barron River Bridge, Kuranda used to detect over regulation mass vehicles—

Will the Minister provide the dates that the device(s) have been calibrated and certified as being accurate during the previous 12 months?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

The monitoring system forms part of the detailed inspection and monitoring program to ensure the bridge remains safe and operational, while The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) progresses planning for a long-term solution for the bridge.

This equipment is only used for monitoring and is not providing certified mass measurements. The accuracy of mass estimates generated using the monitoring equipment was recently calibrated by assessing these results against weighbridge data for heavy vehicles crossing the bridge in August 2023. This assessment confirmed the system has been performing consistently over time, and that gross vehicle mass estimates are generally within plus or minus 10 per cent of the weighbridge mass.