

Question on Notice

No. 914

Asked on 22 August 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to long waitlists for those seeking to secure a Heavy Combination (HC) Truck Licence because of a shortage of assessors in North Queensland and considering North Queensland relies heavily on truck transport to cart produce and other goods across the state—

Will the Minister confirm if the Minister is aware of the shortage and what steps are being taken to increase staffing to drastically reduce Heavy Combination (HC) Licence assessment wait times?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Hill for the question.

I am aware of the current wait times for a heavy vehicle truck licence, and I am advised the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is doing everything possible to address this matter.

TMR is taking steps to increase the numbers of driving examiners in North Queensland through actively advertising the roles on social media platforms in addition to SmartJobs. TMR is also leveraging its network of industry partners, driver trainers and driving schools to redistribute existing driving examiner resources to locations with the highest demand.