

Question on Notice

No. 420

Asked on 17 April 2024

MS S BOLTON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the many concerns expressed by Queenslanders regarding unsafe and reckless e-bike and e-scooter riding, including by children—

Will the Minister advise what further consideration is being given to introducing a licensing scheme for operators and riders of e-bikes and e-scooters to improve safety?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Noosa for the question.

I am advised that the licensing of bicycles, including e-bikes, and Personal Mobility Devices (PMD) riders has been considered in the past and it has been conclusively determined that the administrative and regulatory costs to both users and government outweigh any benefits to such a scheme. Additionally, no other jurisdiction in Australia currently requires riders of bicycles or PMDs to be licenced.