

Question on Notice

No. 964

Asked on 22 August 2024

MR M HART ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of days staffed school crossings have not been staffed due to the lack of availability of a school crossing supervisor for the 2023 school year and 2024 school year (to date), (reported separately by school and by school year)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

The Miles Government is committed to school safety and approved a significant boost to the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme, with 83 new school crossing supervisor positions commencing in the 2022–23, 2023–24 and 2024–25 financial years.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has delivered 29 new supervised school crossings over the 2023–24 financial year. As at the end of June 2024, there were 714 schools in the scheme and TMR was funding 1335 crossings.

While TMR manages the scheme, the Department of Education is obliged under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support crossing activities when the local school crossing supervisor (SCS) is unavailable.

I am advised the Department of Education does not collect or hold information if a SCS is unavailable on a particular day. In the event a SCS is not available and all reasonable attempts by TMR to find a replacement SCS are unsuccessful, Section 12 of the MOU outlines relief supervision that may be undertaken by a school representative.