

Question on Notice

No. 919

Asked on 26 August 2025

MR R KATTER ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Queensland's open road speed limit being set at 60 miles per hour (approximately 100 kilometres per hour) in 1961 and as car safety has improved since 1961—

Will the Minister advise the steps taken to review Queensland's open road speed limit since 1961?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

While modern vehicles are safer than ever, these improvements must be considered in light of increased risks in other areas. The relationship between speed and risk of fatal or serious injury crashes has been well established.

The default speed limit on a road outside a built-up area is 100km/h unless otherwise signed. Where a different speed limit is signed, its appropriateness is determined based on crash risk and a Speed Limit Review is generally undertaken to assess this. Where safe and appropriate, speed limits can be increased to the maximum 110km/h limit on a case by case basis. The default rural speed limit is set in the *Australian Road Rules* and has been generally adopted across Australia.