

Question on Notice

No. 2182

Asked on Thursday 28 October 2010

MS FARMER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (MS NOLAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide details of what measures can be put in place to address the high number of incidents and near misses at the Murarrie rail crossing?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bulimba for the question.

The highest level of active protection available is currently installed at the Queensport Road level crossing at Murarrie. This includes flashing lights and boom gates across the roadway to warn motorists. Pedestrian alarms, lights, and automatic gates are also installed on both sides of the roadway to warn pedestrians.

Queensland Rail Limited (Queensland Rail) recently launched a major public education campaign targeting motorists and pedestrians about the risks associated with level crossings. As well as this, Queensland Rail's Community Education Unit visits in excess of 120,000 school children and 1,500 community members at over 400 locations across Queensland each year. The success of the RailSmart program has resulted in it being included in the school curriculum of a large number of schools. Queensland Rail's RailSmart website, www.railsmart.com.au, provides additional information about safety at level crossings as well as the rail environment.

Queensland Rail is currently carrying out a project to install closed-circuit television (CCTV) equipment at several level crossings identified as having a high number of incidents. It is expected that this will have a positive impact on driver and pedestrian behaviour at level crossings. The Queensport Road level crossing at Murarrie has been identified as one of the locations where CCTV will be installed. It is anticipated that installation will be completed in January 2011, if not beforehand.