

Question on Notice

No. 127

Asked on 8 March 2011

MR WELLINGTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (MS PALASZCZUK)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister request Queensland Rail to immediately commence a regular public announcement program on the public address system of trains to warn passengers of the possibility of needle stick injury and the importance of checking their seats before sitting down?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Nicklin for the question.

Safety is Queensland Rail's number one priority and it is committed to constantly improving personal safety and security of customers and staff.

Queensland Rail makes regular announcements about safety around stations and trains, to ensure customers are careful of the risks in an environment that is unique to a railway. Such announcements include warning customers to stand behind the yellow line, exit stations with care and not running on platforms.

To ensure the safety of customers, Queensland Rail trains are cleaned daily and a comprehensive clean is undertaken monthly, at which time rigorous checks of the seat cushions are conducted. In addition, I am advised Queensland Rail have also established newly formed mobile cleaning patrols. These new teams, 26 people all up, will patrol the network doing spot check cleaning.