

Question on Notice

No. 53

Asked on Thursday, 14 February 2013

QON53 - MR WELLINGTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR EMERSON)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister review the current fees for the new Queensland drivers licence and take action to have the cost of changing the address on your drivers licence to less than \$50?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Nicklin for the question.

In 2007 the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) commenced a project to implement a New Queensland Driver Licence (NQDL).

Between 2007 and final implementation in 2011-2012, the costs were revised several times as follows:

Year	Amount	Description
2007	\$ 47 million	Initial capital budget estimate cost
2008 - 2009	\$ 84 million	Revised due to changes in the procurement process
2010 - 2011	\$112 million	The capital costs were to incorporate the full cost of integrating the NQDL software and equipment with the existing licensing scheme
2011 - 2012	\$139 million	Total capital cost combined with total operating costs includes full procurement, integration and rollout

The pricing structure for the NQDL is based on a cost recovery model.

Despite the cost to implement the NQDL, the cost of a NQDL remains lower than the current cost of a driver licence in several other jurisdictions. As of 1 July 2012, a five year driver licence in Queensland will cost \$143.75, which is lower than current costs in New South Wales (\$162), South Australia (\$207) and the Australian Capital Territory (\$157).

Driver licence fees are reviewed at the beginning of each new financial year.

There is no cost to change the address on a driver licence.