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Portfolio:	Roads & Road Safety
Witness:	The Hon Ben Carroll MP
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Question:

What length of barrier do you anticipate needs repairing each year, and if you have it, what is the current length?

Answer:

Safety barriers were hit approximately 5,027 times in 2019-2020, with 3,997 being reported as damaged, caused by collisions with vehicles. Approximately another 51 were damaged by falling trees or bushfire damage. The remaining 979 were reported as either hazard or general maintenance repairs.

The Department of Transport is implementing improvements to its asset management system that will ensure that there is an accurate inventory and record of when and where safety barrier is damaged and when it is repaired and will investigate whether it will be able to record the length of barrier damaged each year.