



Speech by


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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs) (10.21 am): Last Monday this government unveiled the largest public transport timetable overhaul in more than 15 years. We added more than 200,000 weekly seats for customers on some of our busiest trains and buses across the network, meeting our commitment to add more than 305,000 additional weekly seats in the current financial year.

The 6 June package added 150,000 more weekly train seats, more reliability and more frequency to the Caboolture, Ipswich, Rosewood, Richlands and north coast rail lines. Trains now run through Roma Street and Central stations every three minutes during the busiest times. There are also more off-peak, weekend and public holiday services.

Trains operate at least every 15 minutes between Darra and the city and four trains an hour between Northgate and the city. TransLink has also added 50,000 seats per week to services and adjusted times to ensure connections on more than 80 bus routes across South-East Queensland.

There have been high-frequency upgrades on route 120 to Upper Mount Gravatt and on route 196 between New Farm and Fairfield. There are additional services in the corridor between Indooroopilly and the University of Queensland, and I know that the shadow minister for transport will be very pleased with that announcement. There are also more services for Bray Park, Inala and Tennyson.

Queensland Rail and Translink are monitoring all services during the early stages of this timetable rollout. I want to thank all members of the public and members here who have provided input and feedback. We are only one week into such a large public transport change but the feedback from customers has been both positive and constructive. TransLink and Queensland Rail will continue to have even more helping hands staff out on public transport and at major stations this week as the transition continues.