

Question on Notice

No. 1058

Asked on 14 September 2021

MR S MINNIKIN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to each of the following qconnect/TransLink service areas—

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of wheelchair accessible and non wheelchair accessible buses that are used to deliver qconnect/TransLink services (a) South East Queensland, (b) Cairns, (c) Mackay, (d) Toowoomba, (e) Townsville, (f) Bundaberg, (g) Gladstone, (h) Gympie, (i) Hervey Bay, (j) Rockhampton, (k) Sunshine Coast Hinterland and (l) Warwick?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to removing barriers to passenger transport for people with disability. An accessible passenger transport network provides opportunities for people with disability to independently travel to essential services, employment, education and social activities.

The table below provides a breakdown of the number of wheelchair accessible and non-wheelchair accessible buses that are used to deliver qconnect/TransLink services.

| Location | Accessible | Non-accessible | Total |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| South East Queensland | 2221 | 9 | 2230 |
| Cairns | 53 | 0 | 53 |
| Mackay | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| Toowoomba | 31 | 0 | 31 |
| Townsville | 53 | 0 | 53 |
| Bundaberg | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Gladstone | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Gympie | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Hervey Bay | 16 | 1 | 17 |
| Rockhampton | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| Sunshine Coast Hinterland | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Warwick | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 2431 | 11 | 2442 |

Note, these figures exclude school buses.

Delivery partners who have not changed over to fully-accessible buses have been directed to replace these buses as soon as possible, and by no later than the end of 2022 to conform with the requirements of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.