

## Question on Notice

No. 1117

Asked on 16 September 2021

**MRS L GERBER** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide (a) TransLink's (i) budgeted patronage, (ii) budgeted fare revenue, (iii) actual patronage, (iv) actual fare revenue (reported separately for the months of July and August 2021) and (b) any updated patronage and fare revenue projections for the remainder of this financial year (September 2021–June 2022)?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Currumbin for the question.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted public transport patronage across the world. In Queensland, patronage remains at approximately 70 per cent of pre-pandemic levels, after plummeting by as much as 80 per cent in 2020.

Because of the Palaszczuk Government's management of the health response to COVID-19, including only opening borders when it was safe to do so, we have been able to keep public transport running throughout Queensland.

In addition, the Palaszczuk Government is delivering an additional 175 weekly bus services and 105 weekly train services to support social distancing and increase confidence in the network.

The below tables provide the requested information.

(a)(i) TransLink's budgeted patronage for 2021–22 by month in millions of trips.

Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jun 2022	Total
12.9	14.1	12.9	13.7	12.9	9.9	10.5	12.7	15.2	12.4	14.9	12.7	<b>154.8</b>

(a)(ii) TransLink's budgeted fare revenue for 2021–22 by month in millions of dollars (excluding GST).

Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jun 2022	Total
25.7	26.3	24.9	26.3	24.1	19.9	22.5	25.2	28.8	24.3	28.3	24.6	<b>300.7</b>

Figures are rounded to one decimal place in the above tables. This may mean that some combined totals do not total the relevant disaggregation shown.

(a)(iii) TransLink's actual patronage for July and August 2021 in millions of trips.

Jul 2021	Aug 2021
9.8	8.4

(a)(iv) TransLink's actual fare revenue for July and August 2021 in millions of dollars (excluding GST).

Jul 2021	Aug 2021
17.7	14.2

(b) The above numbers in (a)(i) and (a)(ii) reflect TransLink's projections and agree with the patronage target estimate in the Department of Transport and Main Roads' Service Delivery Statement for 2021–22. The projections will be updated as estimated actuals in 2022, as part of the 2022–23 budget process. Due to the significant impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on public transport patronage in South East Queensland, these forecast figures are subject to change should there be an increase in infections or further lockdowns.