

Question on Notice

No. 604

Asked on 21 June 2022

MR R STEVENS ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the Light Rail annual usage figures from 2018–19, 2019–20, 2020–21 and 2021 to May 2022?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mermaid Beach for the question.

The Gold Coast Light Rail (GCLR) is a public transport success story, with more than 60 million passenger journeys since the commencement of services. This is helping to ease congestion now and into the future as the Gold Coast community continues to grow.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads confirms that the annual patronage and usage figures for GCLR are as follows.

	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–May 2022
Light Rail	10,743,025	8,464,439	6,119,785	5,639,048

Consistent with the national and global experience, public transport patronage throughout Queensland has been impacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and resultant changes in work practices. The GCLR system has therefore experienced a decrease in patronage in 2019–20, 2020–21 and 2021–22 due to the impacts of COVID-19.