

Question on Notice

No. 903

Asked on 31 August 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail any changes made to public transport discounts during the 2021–22 financial year and any planned for the 2022–23 financial year?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mermaid Beach for the question.

Translink provides a range of concessions for access to subsidised public transport to ensure public transport is affordable for those who need it. Concessions fares are issued to children, secondary students, pensioners, veterans, seniors, tertiary/post-secondary students, job seekers and asylum seekers.

In the 2021–22 financial year, the Department of Transport and Main Roads' Translink Division (Translink) offered a range of discounts and incentives for customers travelling on the public transport network. Translink offered a 30 per cent discount when using *go* card, 20 per cent discount when travelling in off-peak, the '8 and 50 per cent' frequent user scheme—which provides half price travel after eight paid journeys in a week—and the 'One, Two, Free for Senior *go* card holder' who use their *go* card for two paid journeys in one day, travel free for the rest of the day.

Free travel is also provided to customers who have a Gold Veteran Card embossed with TPI/EDA, Vision Impairment Travel Pass holders and eligible customers who apply for a Translink Access Pass. These discounts and concessions will not change for the 2022–23 financial year.

Brisbane City Council (BCC) and Gold Coast City Council offered Seniors Free Off-Peak Travel for eligible residents for the 2021–22 financial year on bus services and ferry services (BCC residents only). These council funded initiatives will remain in place for the 2022–23 financial year.

Noosa Shire Council offer free weekend public transport on routes 626, 627, 628, 629 and 632. This council funded 12-month trial began on 12 February 2022 and will run until 12 February 2023.