

Question on Notice

No. 6

Asked on 21 February 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Gold Coast No. 777 bus route—

Will the Minister provide (in table format) passengers numbers including figures for each stop and how many pax per stop for the calendar year of 2022?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

The below table shows passenger boardings (patronage) at each stop location along the Gold Coast 777 bus route for the 2022 calendar year.

Stop location	2022 patronage
Gold Coast Airport, Bilinga	157,043
Palm Beach, Palm Beach	10,921
Nineteenth Avenue, Palm Beach	6,285
Twenty Seventh Avenue, Palm Beach	4,608
Burleigh Heads, Burleigh Heads	43,658
Second Avenue, Burleigh Heads	4,938
Christine Avenue, Miami	14,334
Nobby Beach shops, Mermaid Beach	21,961
Tamborine Street, Mermaid Beach	9,933
Crescent Avenue, Mermaid Beach	2,738
Mermaid Park, Mermaid Beach	3,668
Broadbeach South station	167,829

Route 777 passenger numbers, like the rest of the public transport network, were impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic in 2022. However, patronage has recovered strongly—being at 99 per cent at the end of 2022, when compared against the pre-Covid-19 period. As the pandemic draws to a close, trips will continue to recover and increase over time.

That is why the Palaszczuk Government continues to invest in important public transport projects such as Cross River Rail and Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3.