

Question on Notice

No. 809

Asked on 15 June 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (reported separately by headcount and FTE) the (a) number of TransLink Network Officers as of 1 January 2023 and today and (b) current number of Senior Network Officers as of today?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Currumbin for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing a safe public transport network for everyone. For this reason, in January 2023, the Queensland Government announced an investment of \$60.7 million over the next five years to increase the number of network officers and provide further police assistance and presence on public transport.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) employs a frontline enforcement workforce of Translink senior network officers (SNOs) to assist with deterring fare evasion and anti-social behaviour on the South East Queensland passenger network.

TMR also provides funding to public transport delivery partners to employ network officers (NOs), who have powers to enforce conditions of travel and may issue infringement and warning notices, including fines, for public transport offences.

(a) As of 1 January 2023, the total headcount for NOs employed by Translink delivery partners was 55, and the total funding available for NOs to be employed on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis was 55.

As of 15 June 2023, the total headcount for NOs employed by Translink delivery partners was 89, and the total available funding available for NOs to be employed on an FTE basis was 134.

(b) As of 15 June 2023, the total SNOs employed by TMR was 40, and the total available FTE positions for SNOs employed by TMR was 66.

In addition to SNOs and NOs, there are a number of other workforces who work on the public transport network to provide a safety presence including:

- 32 Queensland Rail authorised officers
- 68 senior protective service officers
- 82 police officers
- 22 bus safety officers.