

Question on Notice

No. 627

Asked on 22 May 2024

MS F SIMPSON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of Taxi Subsidy Scheme cards issued for able-bodied persons and the disabled (wheelchair) persons since 2019 (reported separately by year) in Queensland and the Sunshine Coast Region?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

The Miles Government continues to provide transport support for people with disability through the Taxi Subsidy Scheme (TSS) to ensure they can undertake everyday activities, travel to medical appointments and stay connected with family, friends and the community.

TSS cards are issued to new members and to existing members who have renewed their membership, lost, misplaced or seek additional cards. TSS membership periods can vary up to a maximum of five years so the number of TSS cards issued per year is not a true representation of the scheme's membership.

Instead, the data outlined below provides the total number of active TSS memberships as at the end of each financial year, reported for the whole of Queensland and Sunshine Coast area only, split by wheelchair and non-wheelchair memberships.

NOTE: The data provided below represents live data extracted from the TSS Customer Relationship Management System, as at 21 June 2024.

Queensland

2018-2019 Financial year

Wheelchair	16990
Non-wheelchair	41465

2019-2020

Wheelchair	17241
Non-wheelchair	41624

2020-2021

Wheelchair	16790
Non-wheelchair	39535

2021-2022

Wheelchair	16440
Non-wheelchair	38343

2022-2023

Wheelchair	15102
Non-wheelchair	35745

Sunshine Coast region

2018-2019 Financial year

Wheelchair	1219
Non-wheelchair	3498

2019-2020 Financial year

Wheelchair	1235
Non-wheelchair	3384

2020-2021 Financial year

Wheelchair	1235
Non-wheelchair	3384

2021-2022 Financial year

Wheelchair	1217
Non-wheelchair	3313

2022-2023 Financial year

Wheelchair	1121
Non-wheelchair	3082