

## Question on Notice

No. 1129

Asked on 29 September 2004

MR WELLINGTON asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the operation of the Queensland tilt train service –

- (1) Does he have access to any statistics on who uses the tilt train service in Queensland?
- (2) What percentage of tilt train passengers pay full fare?
- (3) What are the categories of passengers who do not pay full fare?

ANSWER:

- (1) There are two types of tilt train service that are provided in Queensland, the first being the electric tilt trains that operate between Brisbane and Rockhampton (the Rockhampton Tilt Train and the Bundaberg Tilt Train) and the second being the diesel tilt trains that operate between Brisbane and Cairns (the Cairns Tilt Train).

Tilt train statistics are able to be obtained principally through the ticketing process. The selling of tickets provides information on origin and destination of passengers as well as the broad type of ticket that was sold.

- (2) In 2003/04, 35 per cent of all journeys taken were classified as full fare journeys on Queensland's tilt train services.
- (3) The chief categories of passengers who do not pay full fare, are:
  1. Holders of a Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card
  2. Legally blind ex-service personnel and their attendants
  3. Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Service personnel and partners
  4. Queensland resident war widows holding a repatriation card endorsed "War Widow"
  5. Holders of a Queensland Seniors Card
  6. Children – Children under 4 travel free when they do not occupy a seat or sleeping berth by themselves. Children between 4-15 years receive a 50% discount.
  7. Full-time Students 16 years and Over – excluding external students who must pay full fare
  8. Boarding School Students – Secondary school students who board away from home and attend approved secondary schools are entitled to free economy class travel between home and school for school vacations and "boarders" weekends. The Department of Education subsidises this concession.

Items 1 to 5 are concessions and are funded by the Department of Communities. Items 6 and 7 are discounts which are absorbed by QR.