

Question on Notice

No. 841

Asked on 18 August 2004

MRS MILLER asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS) —

QUESTION:

How has TransLink been received by residents in the electorate of Bundamba?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for her question about how TransLink has been received in the electorate of Bundamba. Early evidence suggests patronage since the launch of TransLink integrated ticketing has significantly increased across the network. Integrated ticketing now allows people to travel on participating buses, Citytrain and Brisbane City Council ferries using just one ticket. With a TransLink ticket, passengers can transfer between all TransLink services at no extra cost and explore new travel options.

Bundamba TAFE full-time students have greatly benefited from integrated ticketing, paying only 50% of the adult fare on all TransLink services.

However, integrated ticketing is just the first stage. TransLink's ongoing commitment is to help travellers reach their destination more easily and more quickly by centrally planning all major routes, services and connections. TransLink's next milestones are to finalise the TransLink Network Plan, which will map out service and infrastructure improvements for South East Queensland over the next 10 years.

Changes directly affecting Bundamba residents include improvements to bus routes 2 and 3. The operating hours for route 2 will be extended on weekdays (6am to 8pm) between Ipswich, Blackstone and Bundamba to better meet Brisbane commuter travel needs. Also, the operating hours will be extended for route 3 on weekdays (6am to 8pm) between Ipswich, Raceview and Bundamba to better meet commuter needs.

Changes to route 2 will improve connectivity with trains at Ipswich and changes to route 3 will improve connectivity with trains at Boovall. Also, the routes will provide better access to Boovall Fair and the Ipswich CBD.

Recent upgrades of local bus services have seen improvements to routes 8 and 9 servicing the Ipswich Hospital, University of Queensland Ipswich campus and the Yamanto and Amberley areas, which have been well received by the community and are performing well.

Bundamba residents will have an opportunity to provide TransLink with feedback on the plan in the near future.