

Question on Notice

No. 1391

Asked on Thursday 2 November 2006

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

QUESTION:

How will the proposed new bus timetable benefit residents of Sandstone Point and Godwin Beach in the electorate of Pumicestone?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for her question.

The State Government, through TransLink is currently investing more than \$4.5 million per annum in bus services within the Pumicestone electorate, operated by Caboolture Buslines and Bribie Island Coaches. Patronage on these bus services has increased by an average of 13.3% over the last financial year to June 2006.

As part of the ongoing implementation of the TransLink Network Plan, the State Government will be investing an additional \$1m per annum to improve bus services in Caboolture, Morayfield and Bribie Island this financial year to continue this growth and improve access to these services.

The additional investment will be focused on delivering:

- increased service frequency;
- better coordinated bus and rail services;
- improved on-time running; and
- extended network coverage into developing areas.

Servicing new areas such as Sandstone Point and Godwin Beach is a high priority for TransLink and the State Government. While the technical analysis is still being undertaken by TransLink in partnership with local operators, it is likely that an additional bus route will be created to link Bribie Island, Sandstone Point and Caboolture.

Implementation of the new services is scheduled for April/May 2007. TransLink will seek input from the community and local councils early in the new year to help develop the new routes and timetables.