

Question on Notice

No. 444

Asked on Wednesday 14 March 2007

MS JONES asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

How much funding does the State Government provide annually to the Brisbane City Council to support the city's bus service?

ANSWER:

The Beattie Government's investment in public transport is unprecedented. In 2004-05, TransLink's first full year of operations, the State Government provided funding of \$102m towards Brisbane Transport (BT) bus services. Brisbane City Council's (BCC) contribution for the year was approximately \$46m.

In 2005-06, the State Government provided funding for BT services to the value of \$117.5m, with BCC's contribution remaining at \$46m. The increase in the State Government's commitment enabled significant service improvements to better meet the growing travel demands of Brisbane commuters.

To March 2007, the State Government has provided \$93.25m towards BT services, with forecast expenditure for 2006-07 of \$128m. The State Government's funding for BT services includes new services and buses, driver wages, fuel (including repairs and maintenance) and bus lease costs, as well as Nightlink bus services and other new services defined in the *TransLink Network Plan* such as the introduction of services to The University of Queensland across the Eleanor Schonell Bridge.

Through TransLink, the Beattie Government is leading the way in getting people out of cars and on to public transport.