

Question on Notice

No. 618

Asked on Wednesday 18 April 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to TransLink since its introduction—

- (1) What changes have occurred in public transport patronage in Logan City?
- (2) How many additional bus services have been introduced in Logan City?
- (3) How many additional buses have been introduced to the Logan City fleet?

ANSWER:

I thank the honorable member for her question.

(1) Patronage on Logan City bus services has increased by over 30% per year in the first two years of Translink's operation, an increase of over 1.2 million passenger trips. From July 2006 to March 2007, patronage on Logan City bus services has increased a further 20%, an additional 430 000 passenger trips.

(2) On 23 April 2007, the Queensland Government, through TransLink, introduced an extra \$1m p.a. of bus service improvements in Logan.

Service improvements in the region have provided commuters with more services particularly in the peak hours to meet growth in demand. Significant improvements to local services and CBD bound services were made, with some bus routes providing an extra 40 trips each week. In conjunction with these changes an additional seven new buses were added to the Logan City Bus Service fleet.

On 26 January 2007, TransLink spent \$200 000 per annum and introduced additional Sunday and public holiday services in Beenleigh and Eagleby, travelling to and from the Loganholme bus station.

In August 2006, the Government spent \$890 000 to provide 22 additional peak hour services on four routes between Logan and Brisbane. These additional services helped to decrease the overcrowding issues that passengers were experiencing when travelling to the CBD.

In June 2005, the State Government, through TransLink introduced \$1.9m per annum to improve bus services in the Logan region. A comprehensive restructure of existing bus routes was undertaken, providing 1 563 services per week in the region. In line with these changes 29 new bus routes (plus five existing Brisbane Transport services and one Veolia service) were implemented in the region.

The improvements included better coordination and reliability between services and provided better connections for passengers at Kingston, Woodridge, Beenleigh, Loganlea and Kuraby train stations and Logan Hyperdome, Springwood, Browns Plains Grand Plaza and Garden City bus stations.

Additional peak hour services between the Southern Region and Brisbane were also introduced.

(3) Since TransLink commenced there has been a major upgrade of the Logan City bus fleet with 45 additional buses and a further 14 new buses replacing old buses, added to the fleet.