

## Question on Notice

No. 913

Asked on Thursday, 7 June 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Citytrain network—

How many passengers travelled on the Citytrain network for each financial year since 2001, including this financial year (reported separately by year and each station line)?

ANSWER:

Patronage on the Citytrain network for the financial years 2001 to YTD May 2007 was:

Year	Patronage
2000-2001	44.6 million
2001-2002	45.4 million
2002-2003	45.8 million
2003-2004	48.1 million
2004-2005	47.9 million
2005-2006	52.8 million
<b>2006-YTD May 2007 (Actual)</b>	51.2 million

This compares with 41.5 million in 1997-98.

Assumption limitations:

- Figures are based on original ticket sales with assumed multipliers where passengers buy a daily, weekly, monthly, 3, 6 and 12 monthly tickets.
- Multipliers are used for these tickets to estimate the number of journeys undertaken by passengers due to the inability to count passengers per train.
- Multipliers have been based on historical and market surveys.
- Passengers buying bus tickets and travelling on the Citytrain network are not included due to the inability to count passengers per train.

Under the interim paper based integrated ticketing system, reliable patronage data is not available by line as tickets are sold by zone. As a result, while it is possible to determine where a passenger buys a ticket, it is not possible to determine the line or lines on which that person travels. For example, a person may purchase a zonal ticket at Central Station or Roma Street and travel on any line, or indeed on any TransLink bus or ferry.

The State Government has committed \$1.39b for Citytrain upgrades in the 4 year program (2004-05 to 2007-08). Such as:

- duplicating the rail track from Mitchelton to Keperra on the Ferny Grove Line

- constructing a second rail track on sections of the Gold Coast line
- constructing a third rail track from Salisbury to Kuraby
- purchasing 44 new three-carriage trains to increase the service frequency of services across the network (the first entered service in May 2007).