

## Question on Notice

No. 1454

Asked on Thursday 9 October 2008

MS STRUTHERS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL) —

### QUESTION:

Will he outline any additional public transport services (in particular, bus services and park and ride facilities) that will benefit residents of Logan West, including Hillcrest, Boronia Heights and Forestdale?

### ANSWER:

The State Government, through the TransLink Transit Authority, is committed to improving public transport and infrastructure in South East Queensland. Under the *TransLink Network Plan*, TransLink is progressively adding new services and improving infrastructure in the Southern Region.

On 21 April 2008, the State Government, through the TransLink Transit Authority, invested approximately \$1.8million per annum to introduce a significant package of service improvements in the Southern Region.

I am advised recent Infrastructure improvements implemented in the Logan and Beenleigh areas include:

- The provision on 104 new car parking bays at Loganlea Railway Station - completed in December 2007 at a cost of \$1 million.
- Improved disability access at Bethania Railway Station including access ramp, new ticket window and accessible toilet – completed in April 2008 at a cost of \$400 000.
- The provision of a new police rail squad outpost at Beenleigh Railway Station - completed in April 2007 at a cost of \$450 000.
- Station refurbishment works at Beenleigh Railway Station, including refurbished toilets, new fencing, refurbished bus/rail interchange waiting areas - completed in March 2008 at a cost of \$230 000.

I am advised the government is also planning to deliver further infrastructure improvements in the Southern Region, including:

- A proposed 200 bay Park Ridge Park n' Ride facility to be delivered by the Department of Main Roads as part of the Mt Lindesay Highway Upgrade Project. The Park n' Ride is anticipated to be constructed at the end of 2009, at an estimated cost of \$4 million.
- A proposed 40 bay Greenbank RSL Park n' Ride expansion and upgrade, which is estimated to cost \$1.5 million and anticipated to be delivered within the 2008/09 financial year.

I am advised as part of this package of service improvements and in line the *TransLink Network Plan*, TransLink commenced the trial of two pre-paid only services on existing route 569 (Loganholme Busway Station to the City) and new route 581 (Springwood Busway Station to the City).

Routes 569 and 581 became limited stop services running from Loganholme Busway Station to the City (route 569) and Springwood Busway Station to City (581), stopping only at key busway stations along the route.

Passengers must have a valid TransLink ticket or go card before they travel on these routes. Tickets cannot be purchased on board from the driver but can be purchased from ticket sellers at the Loganholme, Springwood, Eight Mile Plains and Garden City busway stations.

This initiative has reduced passenger boarding times and provides a faster and more reliable journey for passengers. Initial analysis of boarding times indicates a 16.5% reduction in average boarding times.