

Question on Notice

No. 1559

Asked on Wednesday 29 October 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent changes to the timetable for buses in the Redlands—

Will he advise how this will improve bus services for the people of Capalaba?

ANSWER:

I am advised on Monday, 27 October 2008, the State Government, through the TransLink Transit Authority, invested approximately \$1 million for a package of service improvements for the Eastern Region.

The service changes will deliver improved connections between buses, trains and ferries, increased service reliability and frequency, enhanced service to local activity centres and Brisbane City.

The Eastern region service change is listed in the *TransLink Network Plan* for delivery in the 2008/09 financial year to deal with the ongoing increases in patronage, improve reliability and the frequency of services and meet the ongoing demand for reduced travel times.

As part of these improvements, TransLink will implement a revised stopping pattern for long haul commuter routes and other all day services between Capalaba and Brisbane's CBD. This action was implemented to reduce travel times and improve reliability.

Bus stops at Capalaba have been rationalised ensuring greater patronage support at the Capalaba bus station, reduced transit times and improved punctuality performance of all services, which contributes significantly to service reliability and consumer confidence in the public transport services provided to the people of Capalaba.

The benefits of these changes are a reduction in travel times for the 95% of passengers who use these services to commute from the Eastern region to the central business district and improved service reliability.

The Victoria Point jetty to Capalaba service has been extended from Capalaba to the City and now combines with existing services to deliver a 15 minute frequency during morning and afternoon peaks on the Redland Bay Road and Old Cleveland Road corridors, ensuring ease of travel with many travel options for the residents of Victoria Point and Capalaba.

An additional peak commuter service was also implemented between Thornlands and the City travelling via Cleveland ensuring the availability of more seats during the morning and afternoon peaks to relieve congestion on these highly successful services.