

Question on Notice

No. 389

Asked on Thursday 13 March 2008

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

QUESTION:

With respect to the price paid for weekly and monthly railway paper tickets—
Will he support these railway paper tickets (a) not increasing in price above the consumer price index during the next 12 months and (b) continuing to be available for purchase at current railway stations?

ANSWER:

The price of all TransLink tickets, including weekly and monthly tickets, will be considered by the Queensland Government as part of the normal process for fare increases.

The Queensland Government's investment in public transport in South East Queensland for the 2007/08 financial year is over \$959 million. Expected fare revenue is approximately \$239 million. This covers less than a third of the cost, representing a massive investment to deliver frequent, reliable and affordable services to the travelling public. In addition, the Queensland Government is spending \$1.1 billion on public transport related infrastructure in South East Queensland in 2007/08.

I am advised that since 2004 when TransLink commenced, the Queensland Government has been able to maintain fare increases to the level of the Consumer Price Index for Brisbane. At the same time, key public transport cost drivers have been increasing at a significantly greater rate. Automotive fuel, for instance, has increased by just over 48 percent from March 2004 to December 2007.