

## Question on Notice

No. 5

Asked on Tuesday 12 February 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will he advise what actions the State Government has taken to improve public transport in the northern and western suburbs of Brisbane?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government's investment in public transport is unprecedented in Queensland history. As a result the northern and western suburbs are benefiting from many improvements to services and infrastructure. I am advised that under the *TransLink Network Plan* improvements to railway stations and rail services include:

- In 2006 \$1.5m was spent upgrading the first stage of the Ferny Grove Park n' Ride. This includes kiss n' ride facilities and the upgrade of bus interchange facilities.
- \$500 000 has been allocated for the planning and concept design of the upgrade of Ferny Grove Railway Station, which will include improved accessibility and facilities, multi-storey car parking and upgraded bus interchange facilities.
- \$2.7m has been allocated for the upgrade of Mitchelton Railway Station to include park and ride facilities, improved security, upgraded accessibility and a new bus interchange, due to be completed July 2008.
- \$46m to duplicate the Ferny Grove Rail line between Mitchelton and Keperra. Oxford Park and Grovely railway stations will be upgraded with new facilities, improved security, upgraded accessibility and extra parking, as part of the duplication. As new rollingstock becomes available, additional train capacity will be provided to improve service levels and to cater for future growth along this important rail corridor.

I am also advised the *TransLink Network Plan* improvements to bus services include:

- The Northern Priority Bus Corridor was delivered in 2007 at a cost of \$5m. This provided 12 signature stops and bus indents along Gympie Road.
- New route 412 commenced on 18 February 2008. Services operate between Brisbane City, Toowong and St Lucia, providing four on-demand bus services to the University of Queensland in Semester One.
- New rocket route 443 commenced on 18 February 2008. Operating every ten minutes during the peak. Route 443 starts at Moggill and travels non-stop between Chapel Hill and Brisbane City, providing a 10 minute faster trip than route 444.
- An additional early morning inbound trip on route 444 at 5.40am commenced on 18 February 2008. Routes 443 and 444 combined provide a peak service every five minutes and an extra seven morning peak trips and six afternoon peaks trips.
- When the \$333m Inner Northern Busway opens in mid 2008 bus trips will be consistently faster and more reliable as bus services will travel along the new section between the Queen Street Busway Station and Roma Street Busway Station. At the Roma Street Busway Station passengers will be able to transfer onto over 500 rail services per weekday, across all lines.

- A package of service improvements is currently being planned to coincide with the Inner Northern Busway opening. This will include a new rocket service that will travel between Chermside and Brisbane City (route 332).