Question on Notice

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

QUESTION:

How many commuters have chosen the *go* card since its introduction?

ANSWER:

Since the *go* card was rolled out on the Sunshine Coast and Redcliffe areas on 29 January 2008 and in Brisbane on 25 February 2008, there are now over 64,915 cards in circulation across the TransLink network and 1 320 294 journeys have been made using *go* card.

TransLink *go* cards offer people more choice and convenience for catching public transport. The benefits of *go* card include:

- Convenience – no more queuing for tickets or fumbling for change. It can be used across all modes;
- Buy it once, top it up at your convenience;
- Zone boundaries no longer an issue—compared to current seasonal tickets (weekly/daily/monthly/three,six,12 monthly) which only cover specified zones, the *go* card will mean customers don't have to buy additional tickets for occasional journeys outside typical travel zones; and
- Flexibility and convenience of top up options—TransLink fare machines, online, ticket offices, on board bus and ferry and via auto top up where TransLink will debit nominated amounts from a nominated bank account and add the value to a customer's *go* card via the direct debit system.