

## Question on Notice

No. 840

Asked on Thursday 15 May 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will he provide Northside commuters with details of the new bus services which will use the new \$333m Inner Northern Busway?

ANSWER:

The \$333 million Inner Northern Busway between Queen Street Bus Station and Upper Roma Street became operational on Monday, 19 May 2008.

In conjunction with the opening of the Inner Northern Busway, the State Government, through TransLink, invested \$5.7 million per annum for a package of service improvements for the Brisbane region, which commenced on Monday, 19 May 2008. In total, 120 bus routes changed and three new routes were introduced on Monday, 19 May 2008. Some of these routes use the new Inner Northern Busway.

An additional 261 trips operate each weekday, increasing capacity by 16 965 passengers per weekday. Ten routes service the new King George Square Busway Station, providing approximately 1100 bus services per weekday. Thirty routes service the new Roma Street Busway Station, providing approximately 1600 bus services per weekday, and opportunities to transfer to over 500 urban rail services per weekday, as well as intra and interstate rail services and long distance coach services.

Both Roma Street and King George Square busway stations operate pre-paid platforms in the afternoon peak (weekdays between 3.30pm and 7.00pm). Passengers must have a valid TransLink ticket or *go* card to board services at these stations. TransLink has recently introduced pre-paid platforms at the Cultural Centre, South Bank and Mater Hill Busway Stations.

Northside commuters have benefited from:

- Increased peak frequency on route 330. Route 330 travels between Bracken Ridge and the Cultural Centre and now operates every ten minutes in the peak.
- The introduction of new route 332. Route 332 is a peak hour rocket travelling between Chermside and the City via Spring Hill operating every ten minutes - it does not use the Inner Northern Busway.
- The introduction of new route 66. Route 66 travels between the Woolloongabba Busway Station and Queensland University of Technology, Kelvin Grove operating every ten minutes in the peak and every 15 minutes in the off-peak, weekdays.
- Northside rail passengers on Shorncliffe, Caboolture and Ipswich lines now have improved access to Southern and Eastern suburbs bus services at the new Roma Street Station. Previously rail passengers had to walk from Central or Roma Street stations to access Southern and Eastern bus services at the Queen Street Bus Station.