

Question on Notice

No. 1717

Asked on Tuesday 10 November 2009

MS SIMPSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (MS NOLAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the TransLink fare increases proposed to begin in January next year—
Will the Minister advise how much additional revenue is expected to be collected and how much of this increase is anticipated to come from go cards and how much from paper tickets?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

The total forecasted additional revenue for the 2009-10 year resulting from the January increase is dependent on the level of migration to *go* card. Depending on migration, the additional revenue is expected to range between \$8 million and \$24 million. However, even with this increase in revenue, for every \$1 that a passenger pays in fares, the State Government will still provide a subsidy of up to \$3. The Government has also increased its contribution to public transport by \$77.3m in 2009-10 compared to 2008-09.

TransLink estimates that increased revenue on paper tickets will be minimal as passengers choose to take advantage of the lower cost *go* card product. This is reflected now with up to 1,000 people a weekday choosing to take up the *go* card alternative.

Every cent of this revenue increase will be invested in delivering 301,000 new seats on public transport services every single week.