

Question on Notice

No. 1018

Asked on Thursday, 16 June 2011

MR ELMES asked the Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs (MS PALASZCZUK)—

QUESTION:

As data obtained from the Queensland Building Services Authority quotes the cost to build a typical 200 square metre four bedroom, single storey, brick veneer house would be between \$250,000 to \$350,000, which means a house with medium to high quality finishes and fittings would cost between \$1,250 and \$1,800 a square metre to build—

Will the Minister advise the average cost to build a typical bus stop shelter and bus pull-in zone and provide a breakdown of how this cost is calculated, from design through to completion?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Noosa for the question.

The cost of the construction of a bus stop shelter and bus pull-in zone can vary considerably and is dependent on the individual site being investigated.

Construction considerations include meeting requirements of Commonwealth legislation of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002*. This legislation provides for ensuring equitable access to bus stops and again access from the boarding point onto buses for all Queenslanders. Some of these accessibility standards include treatment for Queenslanders with visual impairment and Queenslanders with mobility impairment, such as those that use a wheelchair or walking frame.

I am advised that the average cost of a bus stop installation varies between \$2 500 for a minimum boarding point, including a slab, tactile and bus stop pole and \$35 000 for a bus stop with a minimum boarding point and shelter with glass panels.