

Question on Notice

No. 882

Asked on Thursday, 26 May 2011

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail the estimated revenue increase as a result of the government's agreed fare structure with TransLink for 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Coomera for the question.

The cost of running the TransLink Transit Authority's 10 000 square kilometre public transport network is significant and each year the operating costs increase.

The fares are important to assist TransLink in continuing to deliver better public transport for South East Queensland.

The Queensland Government is committed to providing frequent, affordable and reliable public transport, while ensuring the cost to Queensland taxpayers is kept to a reasonable level.

Currently for every \$1 commuters pay in fares, the Queensland Government pays \$3.

Last year the Queensland Government promised and delivered more than 301 000 additional seats per week to TransLink's South East Queensland public transport network.

In October 2010, the Queensland Government announced its commitment to deliver an additional 305 000 seats per week in the 2010-2011 financial year. The continued expansion of TransLink services and expected growth in patronage will mean that more revenue will be collected in fares.

The fare path structure will enable TransLink to continue to roll out services to meet growing demand. All money collected from fares is re-invested in improved public transport services. In 2010/11 an estimated 178.2 million trips have been taken on the public transport network.