

Question on Notice

No. 121

Asked on Thursday, 7 March 2013

MS TRAD asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR EMERSON) —

QUESTION:

With reference to page 76 of Budget Paper 4 for 2012-13, will the Minister advise how much funding has been expended to date for 2012-13 on discounted weekly fares after nine journeys on the *go* card on the TransLink network?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for South Brisbane for the question.

After the significant fare increases seen under the previous Labor Government, the introduction of the nine and free initiative is providing real fare relief for commuters.

As at the end of February 2013, forgone revenue for 2012-13 associated with the nine and free travel incentive is estimated to total \$7.2 million (excluding GST).

Since the introduction of this initiative on the 25 June 2012, more than 5.8 million free trips have been taken by commuters.