

Question on Notice

No. 251

Asked on Wednesday, 17 April 2013

DR DOUGLAS asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR EMERSON) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) why students travelling to and from school on Gold Coast school buses are being charged at peak rate and (b) if students are being charged peak rates, will they be compensated for the cost over and above the normal fare because buses are often late?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gaven for the question.

Off-peak discounts (20% off the peak fare) apply for all passenger classes who travel during the off-peak period, from 9am to 3.30pm, after 7pm weekdays until 3am the following day and all day weekends and state-wide Queensland gazetted public holidays.

All passengers, including students, who travel outside these times will be charged the appropriate concessional peak fare. It is not current government policy to pay compensation to passengers in the instance of late running services.

It is worth noting that students using a Child or Student *go* card benefit from a concessional fare that is 50% cheaper than the adult fare, regardless of the time of travel.

Students using Child or Student *go* cards can also travel free after their 9th paid journey in a seven day period, from Monday to Sunday, regardless of the zones travelled or time of travel.