

Question on Notice

No. 313

Asked on Wednesday, 1 May 2013

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what transport is available to school students in the electorate of Logan and specify cost, eligibility and distance particularly around the areas of Park Ridge, Logan Village and Flagstone?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Logan for the question.

Park Ridge Transit and Logan Coaches provide school bus services for the Logan electorate. Students attending schools in the Park Ridge, Logan Village and Flagstone area have access to the following school bus services:

Area within Logan electorate	Number of services	
	AM	PM
Park Ridge	11	11
Logan Village	1	3
Flagstone	11	11

Go card and other TransLink tickets can be used on all TransLink school services. 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. TransLink's current fare structure can be found on the TransLink website: www.translink.com.au.

The Queensland Government also provides funding towards the cost of travel for primary and secondary students under the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS). STAS is a school fares subsidy that is calculated based on either the distance between an eligible student's school and residence, or on household income under the safety net provision.

The main criteria for assistance are distance measurements, 3.2km for primary school students and 4.8km for high school students. To qualify, students must reside over these distances from their nearest state school. This is measured by the shortest trafficable route.

In addition to this distance based assistance, the Queensland Government funds a type of assistance known as safety-net. This assistance is available for students who reside close to their nearest state school and therefore do not meet the distance criteria, and whose family are on Commonwealth tested benefits, such as a Health Care Card. This assistance covers all or most travel costs to the nearest state school.

STAS eligibility details are located on the Department of Transport and Main Roads website www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/School-transport/Assistance-schemes/School-Transport-Assistance-Scheme.aspx