

Question on Notice

No. 453

Asked on Thursday, 6 June 2013

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the new train services being provided by the LNP Government to/from Ferny Grove—

Will the Minister provide (a) the number of passengers using each new service (broken down by day, time and service), (b) the cost of each service and (c) the traffic impacts of the new services at each of the road/rail intersections affected?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for South Brisbane for the question.

The government is focussed on improving affordability, frequency and reliability of City network services.

Since coming to government, we have reduced the operating costs of Queensland Rail, while maintaining and improving frontline services, and reinvesting savings to deliver on this commitment.

Through identifying savings, the government has introduced an additional 28 inter-peak services each day on the Ferny Grove line, at a cost of approximately \$671 per service. We have introduced an additional 150 weekly services on the Ferny Grove and Gold Coast lines.

Regarding traffic impacts, the government is committed to delivering improved rail services while minimising disruption to road users. To that end, officers of my department are working in partnership with their Queensland Rail counterparts to synchronise traffic signals and boom gates at Samford Road, Osborne Road and Arbor Street level crossings, at Ferny Grove.