

Question on Notice

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Asked on Thursday, 17 September 2015

MR RYAN asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade (HON J TRAD) —

QUESTION:

Will the minister provide an update about what the government is doing to address the affordability of public transport fares and how the community can get involved?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Morayfield for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government has appointed a taskforce of public transport experts to conduct a comprehensive review of the TransLink fare structure to improve public transport affordability and boost patronage in south-east Queensland, whilst ensuring a sustainable fare revenue stream that will allow the network to grow.

The eight-member taskforce includes industry-leading public transport experts and representatives from key local user groups who bring a wealth of global and local transport knowledge and experience to the table. The taskforce is taking a holistic view of the existing fare structure and will provide their recommendations to government.

Membership includes:

- Mr Neil Cagney, Chairman, MRCagney (Chair)
- Mr Neil Scales, Director-General, Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Mr Jarrett Walker, Consultant, Jarrett Walker and Associates
- Mr Robert Dow, Administrator, Rail Back on Track
- Ms Sharon Boyce, Chair, Queensland Disability Advisory Council
- Mr Mark Tucker-Evans, Chief Executive, COTA Queensland
- Mr Trent Zimmerman, Deputy Chief Executive, Tourism and Transport Forum
- Dr Matthew Burke, Associate Professor, Griffith University

Members of the taskforce will apply their expertise to:

- review the existing fare structure in South East Queensland in relation to meeting the government's objectives of promoting fairness, affordability and patronage growth.
- consider potential fare and ticketing initiatives; quantify their financial and budgetary implications; consider the strategic impact of each option and recommend a package of options consistent with the government's objectives.

The community will be consulted on the findings of the taskforce to help inform the final decision by government. Specific details about how, when and where the community can get involved and have their say will be made available once the taskforce finalises its recommendations. In the meantime, members of the public can find out more about the taskforce and the terms of reference of the review by visiting the TransLink website (<http://translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/fares/fare-review-ToR>).