

Question on Notice

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Asked on Wednesday, 14 October 2015

MR DE BRENNI 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 inform the House as to the opportunities for bus commuters in the electorate of Springwood to provide feedback to the government on the costs of public transport?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Springwood for the question.

As a fair, open and accountable government we are committed to ensuring public transport in Queensland is responsive to the needs of commuters while being fair, efficient and affordable.

This is why the Queensland 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, while ensuring a sustainable fare revenue stream that will allow the network to grow.

While the scope of this review will include consideration of products and ticket types, the ability to implement changes with existing ticketing system technology and timeframe limitations must also be considered.

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 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.

The Queensland Government values customer feedback as we endeavour to continuously improve public transport services for Queenslanders.

In the meantime, I do encourage Mr de Brenni's constituents to find out more about the taskforce and the terms of reference of the review by visiting the TransLink website at www.translink.com.au.

