

## Question on Notice

No. 64

Asked on Wednesday, 15 February 2017

**MR A POWELL** asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (HON J TRAD) —

### QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier advise for each week since 1 October 2016, how much has been spent on (a) replacement rail buses and (b) taxi vouchers for customers?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

In order to maintain a high standard of safety and reliability, Queensland Rail closes sections of the rail network to complete required maintenance and upgrade works. Unplanned track closures take place from time to time due to unforeseen events such as customer issues, signal and power faults, mechanical issues, extreme weather events or bridge and boom gate strikes.

In the event of train cancellations, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is responsible for the organisation of replacement transport services. Largely, replacement services are provided by rail buses, though, in some circumstances, affected customers are provided with a taxi service.

#### Replacement rail buses

Between 1 October 2016 and 31 January 2017, \$4.2 million was spent on replacement rail buses. In the previous year approximately \$4 million was spent on replacement rail buses during this period.

#### Taxi vouchers

Between 1 October 2016 and 31 January 2017, \$6,308.06 was spent on taxi vouchers for customers. Between 1 October 2015 and 31 January 2016, \$566.44 was spent on taxi vouchers.

A detailed breakdown of replacement rail bus and taxi costs by week is available at **Attachment 1**.

**Attachment 1 – Replacement rail bus and taxi service costs October 2016 – January 2017.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Rail Bus Replacement</b>	<b>TAXIS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Oct-16</b>			
<b>1-7 Oct</b>	\$383,685.00	\$37.95	\$383,722.95
<b>8-14 Oct</b>	\$82,005.95	\$64.00	\$82,069.95
<b>15-21 Oct</b>	\$12,075.00	\$189.10	\$12,264.10
<b>22-28 Oct</b>	\$60,169.00	\$65.54	\$60,234.54
<b>29-31 Oct</b>	\$111,073.00	-	\$111,073.00
<b>Nov-16</b>			
<b>1-7 Nov</b>	\$583,480.52	\$370.05	\$583,850.57
<b>8-14 Nov</b>	\$68,742.50	\$465.62	\$69,208.12
<b>15-21 Nov</b>	\$294,497.50	\$422.65	\$294,920.15
<b>22-28 Nov</b>	\$448,676.77	\$206.64	\$448,883.41
<b>29-30 Nov</b>	\$29,004.80	\$278.18	\$29,282.98
<b>Dec-16</b>			
<b>1-7 Dec</b>	\$123,603.00	\$864.82	\$124,467.82
<b>8-14 Dec</b>	\$133,700.50	\$139.37	\$133,839.87
<b>15-21 Dec</b>	\$602,995.50	\$970.79	\$603,966.29
<b>22-28 Dec</b>	\$534,165.80	\$1,599.94	\$535,765.74
<b>29-31 Dec</b>	\$1,600.00	-	\$1,600.00
<b>Jan-17</b>			
<b>1-7 Jan</b>	\$0.00	\$102.64	\$102.64
<b>8-14 Jan</b>	\$115,962.88	\$244.73	\$116,207.61
<b>15-21 Jan</b>	\$178,290.38	\$286.04	\$178,576.42
<b>22-28 Jan</b>	\$392,596.30	-	\$392,596.30
<b>29-31 Jan</b>	\$9,290.00	-	\$9,290.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,165,614.40</b>	<b>\$6,308.06</b>	<b>\$4,171,922.46</b>

*Note: Weekly figures provided by Queensland Rail may not line up with the date ranges used, due to a slight discrepancy between TMR's and Queensland Rail's report data. Monthly and final totals are accurate.*

*Note: This table provides the most up-to-date invoicing information available to TMR at this time.*