

Question on Notice

No. 1022

Asked on Thursday 23 August 2018

MR S MINNIKIN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide a list of Translink School Services bus companies whose employees are ineligible for the Wage Adjustment Fund?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering on its promise to boost the wages of bus drivers by providing \$116 million over seven years to private operators delivering TransLink and *qconnect* urban bus services throughout Queensland.

No such support of bus drivers was achieved in the three years the Member for Chatsworth was Assistant Minister for Public Transport under the former LNP government.

Those private bus companies who deliver both school and urban bus services under the one service contract are eligible to apply for the Bus Driver Wages Adjustment Fund.

Unlike the TransLink and *qconnect* contracts, under School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) contracts, the driver hours to deliver school bus services are not itemised. That is, the STAS contracts do not have a discrete driver labour line item to be able to adjust.

TMR will analyse driver hours as those contracts come up for renewal, in order to gain a clearer picture of the matters that have been raised by industry representatives.