

Question on Notice

No. 1133

Asked on Thursday 6 September 2018

MR A POWELL ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the cost of (a) accommodation and (b) expenses, allowances and entitlements for Department of Transport and Main Roads staff to stay at the Gold Coast during the Commonwealth Games period?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) successfully delivered the Queensland Government's commitment of planning and delivering a safe and reliable public transport for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018), including the provision of effective spectator and workforce transport, and a reliable games route network.

There were 5.3 million trips on public transport during GC2018 with 1.5 million spectators travelling on shuttle buses, more than 1.1 million trips on light rail, 2.3 million on Surfside buses and more than 600,000 train trips on the Gold Coast line.

To achieve this, TMR mobilised a dedicated team, some of whom were located on the Gold Coast, to oversee, coordinate and respond to the transport needs of GC2018 spectators and workforce. This was a 24 hours a day, seven days per week task to ensure that GC2018 was delivered successfully.

I can advise that TMR incurred costs of \$232,099 relating to accommodation and \$68,540 relating to expenses, allowances and entitlements for TMR staff, to stay at the Gold Coast during the GC2018 period. These costs relate to 107 staff who stayed on the Gold Coast for varying lengths of period during GC2018.