

Question on Notice

No. 892

Asked on Tuesday 21 August 2018

MR B MICKELBERG ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Translink network in the Buderim Electorate and on the Sunshine Coast generally—

Will the Minister advise what the current utilisation is for all modes of transport both in terms of the number of trips and expressed as a percentage of total transport trips?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Buderim for the question.

In the 2017–18 financial year, approximately six million public transport passenger trips were conducted in the Sunshine Coast local government area. In 2016–17, approximately 5,773,000 trips were conducted in the Sunshine Coast local government area. This is an increase of 4.02 per cent.

In the 2017–18 financial year, the Buderim electorate accounted for around 580,000 of the six million trips, or 9.7 per cent. This is an 8.9 per cent increase on trips conducted in the 2016–17 financial year, which is approximately 535,000 trips.

According to 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics census data, around 2.2 per cent of all travel to work was conducted using public transport in the Buderim electorate. This was based on around 23,000 respondents.

In the Buderim electorate, on the day of the census, 2.2 per cent of employed people used public transport for at least one of their methods of travel to work. The most common methods of travel to work were:

- car (as a driver) – 69.9 per cent
- worked at home – 7.4 per cent
- car (as a passenger) – 4.8 per cent
- walked – 1.3 per cent
- bus – 1.2 per cent.